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The present work, the first of a series of reports concerned with the distribution of suspended particulates in the 1.5 - 35 μ size range in California coastal waters, is part of a broader continuing study of the factors influencing the optical properties of this region. Detailed cruise data for all the oceanographic stations of the four cruises which form the basis of this thesis are reported in NPS Technical Report, NPS-58TX75122, December 1975. Support for this work has come from several sources including Code 480 of the Office of Naval Research, the Naval Air Systems Command, and the NPS Research Foundation Program funded by the Chief of Naval Research.

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I. INTRODUCTION

A. BACKGROUND

In the past two decades oceanography has become one of the fastest growing sciences. Military, economic, and more recently environmental problems have indicated that a need still exists for much more data and detailed studies of the various properties of the sea. Because all life in the sea is directly or indirectly affected by the occurrence and propagation of light in sea water, optical oceanography is a field which can make a significant contribution to our knowledge of the oceans. The distribution and density of particulate matter (both organic and inorganic) are major factors affecting the transmission of light through seawater. Particles, and their ability to absorb, attenuate, and scatter light control the depth of the euphotic zone. This zone and the availability of nutrients is the basis upon which the entire food chain of the oceans is established and maintained.

Areas of upwelling are perhaps the most important regions in the ocean; this is especially true with regard to fisheries. These areas of colder, nutrient-rich waters produce approximately one-half of the world's fish supply although their surface area only accounts for about one-tenth of one percent of the total surface area of the oceans [14]. Joseph [9] among others has noted that during upwelling high particle counts can be expected.

The distribution of particulate matter is also of prime importance as the controlling constituent of the characteristic optical signatures displayed by seawater samples. Such signatures are used to help in the identification of water masses and the establishment of their boundaries.

Although Sheldon and Parsons [15], Sheldon, Prakash and Sutcliffe [17], Jerlov [8], and Bader [1] have completed several investigations on the distribution of particulate matter, the distribution patterns, especially in coastal regions, may be highly complex and variable under the influences of winds, currents, upwelling, topography and runoff. It is therefore appropriate to make further more detailed studies. Combinations of factors in a given area can produce "particle traps" that show themselves as patches in which there are heavy particle concentrations. Particle count contours and observations based on one-time samples from these areas may be misleading. It is also to be expected that areas which undergo definite "oceanic seasons" (e.g., along the California coast) would display different distributions at different times of the year.

The multi-channel Coulter counter, which allows shipboard analysis of samples within a very short time interval, has contributed significantly to the development of a large data base for distribution studies. Ultra filtration and weighting procedures also exist which make it possible to determine particulate concentrations, size distributions and total

counts, but these methods are very slow and tedious to use, or they give questionable results if the size distributions are to be used in models requiring the in situ size distribution such as those involving the scattering of light by seawater. In particle studies the direct counting method employed by the Coulter counter is also superior to the indirect methods, such as particle information extracted by analysis of the behavior of light in the sea or in a seawater sample which involves large numbers of particles. The major disadvantage of the Coulter counter is that particle sizes are determined from relative pulse heights and an absolute measure of particle size is not obtained. Furthermore the method has not yet been adapted to in situ measurement.

B. MARINE CLIMATOLOGY

Skogsberg [19] was the first to describe the oceanographic climate of Monterey Bay in terms of three major seasonal features, namely a cold water phase, a warm water phase, and a low thermal gradient phase. Bolin [3] later described and labeled these phases as the "Upwelling", the "Oceanic" and the "Davidson Current" periods.

The Upwelling Period is the longest of the three periods, usually beginning in late January and persisting until September. It is characterized by lower than normal surface temperatures (10 to 11 °C) with no clearly developed isotherms present. Upwelling off the West Coast is a direct result of

the coastal winds. In the spring and summer months the atmospheric circulation is dominated by the North Pacific High which produces northerly winds parallel to the coast. According to Ekman's theory, these winds and the Coriolis effect cause the surface water to be transported 90° to the right of the wind and offshore. The result is a vertical advection of cold subsurface layers from depths suggested by Sverdrup [22] as great as 200 m replacing the surface water. The upwelled areas will normally have steeply ascending shallow isotherms and large horizontal temperature gradients. An increase in the surface salinity is also a normal consequence. Since density structure closely follows the temperature structure, the combined effect of the thermocline and halocline often produces a very strong pycnocline which can act as a particle trap. Upwelling is usually most intense in June and July.

In late summer the strong northerly winds tend to become more intermittent, and the coastal upwelling is interrupted. These interruptions give the cold dense surface waters a chance to sink and set up areas of convergence. An offshore flow of warm surface water from along the coast and an incoming flow of oceanic surface water replace the denser water, and a sharp thermocline is established in the first few meters. The Oceanic Period is characterized by surface temperatures greater than 13°C and a continuation of the strong vertical gradients established during the Upwelling Period. Another characteristic is the calm wind condition which marks the

change between the northerly winds of the Upwelling Period and the southerly winds of the Davidson Current Period.

Following the Oceanic Period in November the wind completes its shift to become southerly, and upwelling has ceased. The onset of the Davidson Current Period is often noted by a sharp decline in surface temperature. Now the Coriolis effect causes a shoreward transport and low density surface water is piled up along the coast. This has two prime effects which are characteristic of the Davidson Current Period. First, as a result of the coastal concentration of less dense water, a current is set up which flows parallel to the coast and reinforces the wind driven current. Secondly, a sinking of the surface water occurs, and the thermocline weakens to relatively isothermal conditions to depths from 50 to 100 m. The Davidson Current Period usually lasts until February and is marked by the only sharp change in the oceanic climatic structure.

C. PREVIOUS LOCAL STUDIES

For the past seven years the Naval Postgraduate School has conducted a continuing series of oceanographic cruises off the central California coast. Summarized below are the findings concerned with the observed particulate matter distributions reported in a number of studies. All these studies deal with only the upper 100 m of water except Crews', which included depths to 250 m.

1. Yeske and Waer

Using a Model A Coulter counter, Yeske and Waer [23] conducted investigations of two stations within Monterey Bay during the Upwelling Period in July and August 1968. The two stations were occupied on alternate hours for one 24-hour period per week over a span of some 5 weeks. The main thrust of this study was to determine the effects of various oceanic parameters on beam transmittance and to study their spacial and temporal variability. A relatively high correlation between transmittance and particulate matter was noted, especially in the areas of pycnoclines and thermoclines where the highest concentrations of particles were found. It was also noted that particle size decreased with depth.

2. Labyak

Labyak [10] also used a Model A Coulter counter to conduct investigations at 79 stations between Monterey Bay and San Francisco Bay from 10 to 18 May 1969. This time frame is also part of the Upwelling Period, and Labyak's findings corresponded closely with those of Yeske and Waer.

3. Shepard

Another investigation during the Upwelling Period was conducted by Shepard [18] from 29 April to 5 May 1970. Analyzing 2 ml samples of seawater by means of a 15-channel Coulter counter along a track which ran from Monterey Bay north to San Francisco Bay, Shepard found total particle

counts ranged from 5000 in very clear water to 200,000 in turbid water areas. It was also noted that the linear relationship (on a log-log plot of particle counts vs. diameter) for particle distribution in seawater as observed by Bader and Gordon [1,7] (the so-called Junge distribution) could be distorted in the 1.5 - 30 μ range by high productivity in the surface water layer.

4. Crews

Another Upwelling Period investigation was made by Crews [5] on a single station over the Monterey Submarine Canyon from 16 to 17 June 1971. As in the investigation of Yeske and Waer [23], the main aim was to collect beam transmission data and compare its temporal variability with that of other simultaneously collected data (i.e. phosphate, salinity, temperature and particle counts). In addition to comparing his data with those of Yeske and Waer [23], Labyak [10], and Shepard [18], Crews also made comparisons to the data collected by Baker [2] and Soluri [20] on cruises conducted during the Oceanic Period. It was found that the vertical distribution of particulate matter was dependent on both seasonal conditions and geographic location and that the largest concentrations of particles occurred in the upper 10 to 15 m of the water column.

D. OBJECTIVE

As was pointed out by Sheldon, Prakash and Sutcliffe [17], the general distribution of particulate matter suspended in

the sea is fairly well-known and documented, but detailed information about distributions in specific areas and throughout the depth of the water column is quite scarce. Many investigations have been carried out in open ocean areas or along entire coasts in determining general distributions but these investigations ordinarily were characterized by single samples taken only once at widely spaced stations. The purpose of this research is twofold: first, to use a Coulter counter to determine particulate distributions for a large number of closely spaced ocean stations along the Central California coast during various oceanic seasons in such a manner that they may be compared with distributions determined elsewhere; and second, to display this data in a manner which will allow a study of the particle distributions by depth and along sections (i.e., along lines of stations) for these different seasons. To accomplish this, data from 178 stations collected over a 15-month period are analyzed here.

II. INSTRUMENTATION

A Model T Coulter counter was utilized in the analysis of the sea water samples. This instrument operates on the principle that a spherical particle passing through an electrical field that is maintained in an electrolyte will cause a change in the electrical properties of the field if the resistivity of the particle is different than that of the electrolyte. As the particle displaces its own volume of electrolyte, the current in the field is held constant and the change in resistivity is directly proportional to the change in voltage required to maintain the current. Through this method the height of the voltage pulse is linearly related to the particle volume. Sheldon and Parson [15] found this procedure can be extended to other than spherical particles with only a slight error, and the linear relation continues to apply as long as particle diameters are less than 40% and greater than about 2% of the aperture diameter. Utilizing a digital register, the counter records the height of each pulse in one of 15 discrete channels. A paper tape printout provides a record of the number of electronic counts in each size range. Particle size and volume are easily derived from this record. It must be recognized that the suspended particulates are not regularly shaped, and the sizes determined with the Coulter counter only furnish "signatures" which are representative of the approximate particle volumes.

The size of the aperture through which the electrolyte and particles are drawn is an important factor in determining the range of sizes which can be counted. The upper limit on particle diameter is controlled by the size of the aperture, while electrical noise effectively establishes a lower bound. With a 100 μ aperture and threshold settings corresponding to a logarithmic scale of particle diameters as suggested by Sheldon and Parsons, channels 13 to 0 range in size from approximately 1.3 μ to 27 μ respectively. Electrical noise in channel 14 prevented its use for the smaller diameters. The mean diameter in microns corresponding to each channel (indicated in parentheses) is listed below:

27.66 (0), 21.96 (1), 17.43 (2), 13.83 (3), 10.98 (4), 8.71 (5), 6.92 (6), 5.49 (7), 4.36 (8), 3.46 (9), 2.74 (10), 2.18 (11), 1.73 (12), and 1.37 (13).

Calibration of the counter was accomplished using divinylbenzene polystyrene latex spheres manufactured by Dow Corning Chemical Company. The calibration adjustment is set to give equal counts in two adjacent channels. By this method the peak in the particle size distribution of standard spheres lies at the division between the two channels and provides a size reference point.

An automatic timer was incorporated in the counter to allow a record of the counting time required for each 2 ml sample to be made. Comparison of these counting times provided an easy method to detect any obstruction of the orifice which may have invalidated the count.

A more comprehensive discussion of theory, operation and calibration of the Coulter counter is to be found in Sheldon and Parsons [15] and in the Model T Coulter manual.

It should also be noted that the availability of a high speed computer is absolutely essential in order to deal with the large amounts of data provided by the Coulter counter.

III. OBSERVATIONAL PROCEDURES

A. STATION LOCATIONS

Station data were collected from four cruises conducted by the Naval Postgraduate School's R/V ACANIA during the periods 27 to 31 October 1973, 14 to 17 January 1975, 15 to 18 April 1974 and 17 to 21 January 1975. The first two cruises covered the area from Monterey Bay north to San Francisco Bay. Approximate locations of the 118 stations occupied during these times are indicated in Figures 1 and 2. Stations in this northern coastal region were the same as those occupied by Shepard [18], Baker [2], Labyak [10] and Soluri [20]. Positions while on-station were determined every 15 minutes using Loran, radar or visual bearings; exact positions and time are indicated on each station's particulate data table [included in Reference 6].

The cruises of 15 to 18 April 1974 and 17 to 21 January 1975 covered the area from Monterey Bay south to Cape San Martín. These stations were selected to coincide with the standard station grid adopted for this region by the Naval Postgraduate School. Locations of 58 stations occupied in this southern coastal region are shown in Figures 3 and 4.

B. DATA COLLECTION

At each station a hydrographic cast was made, and water samples were collected in teflon-lined Nansen bottles. All

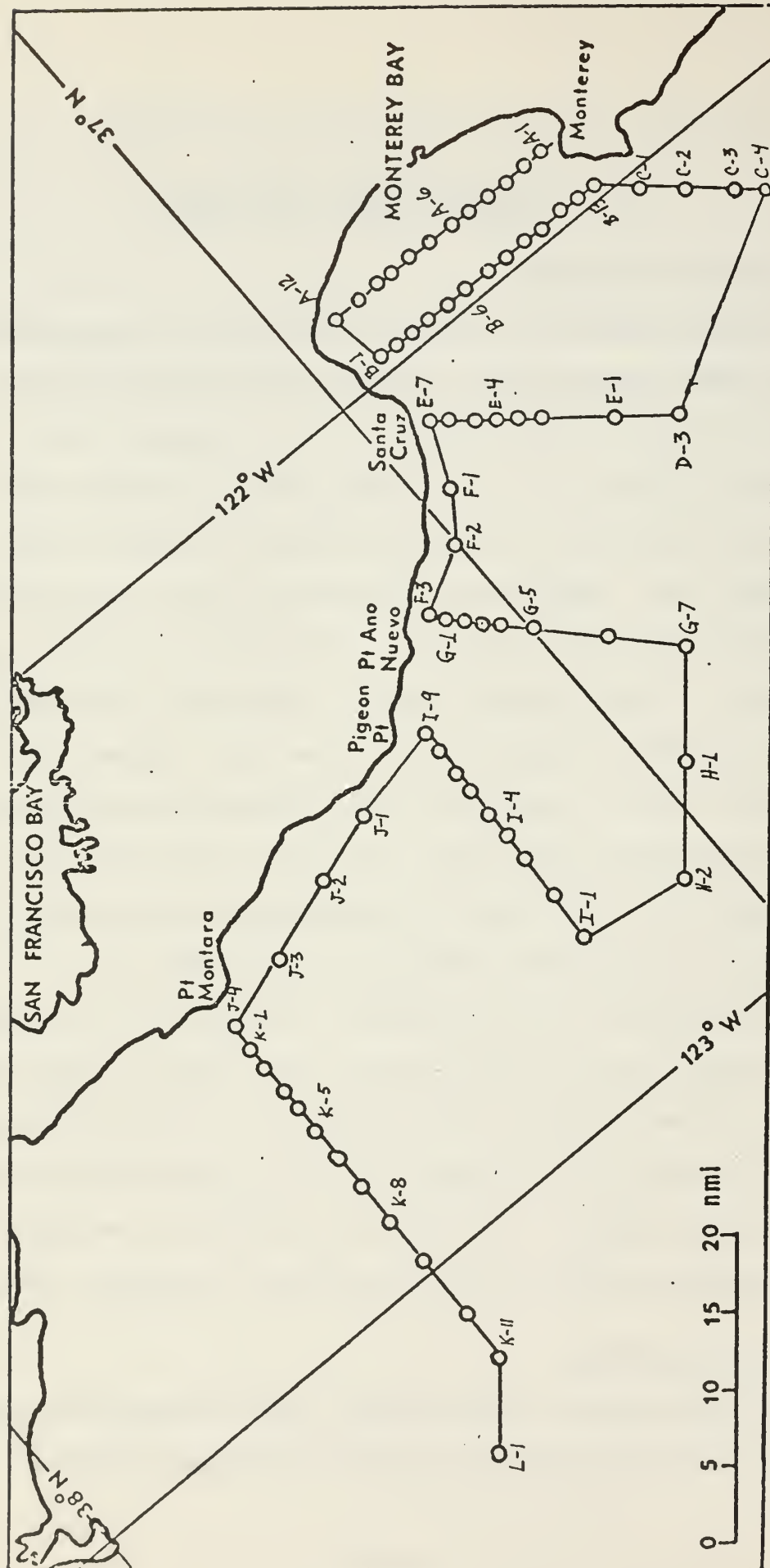


Figure 1. Approximate Station Locations, Cruise 27 to 31 October 1973

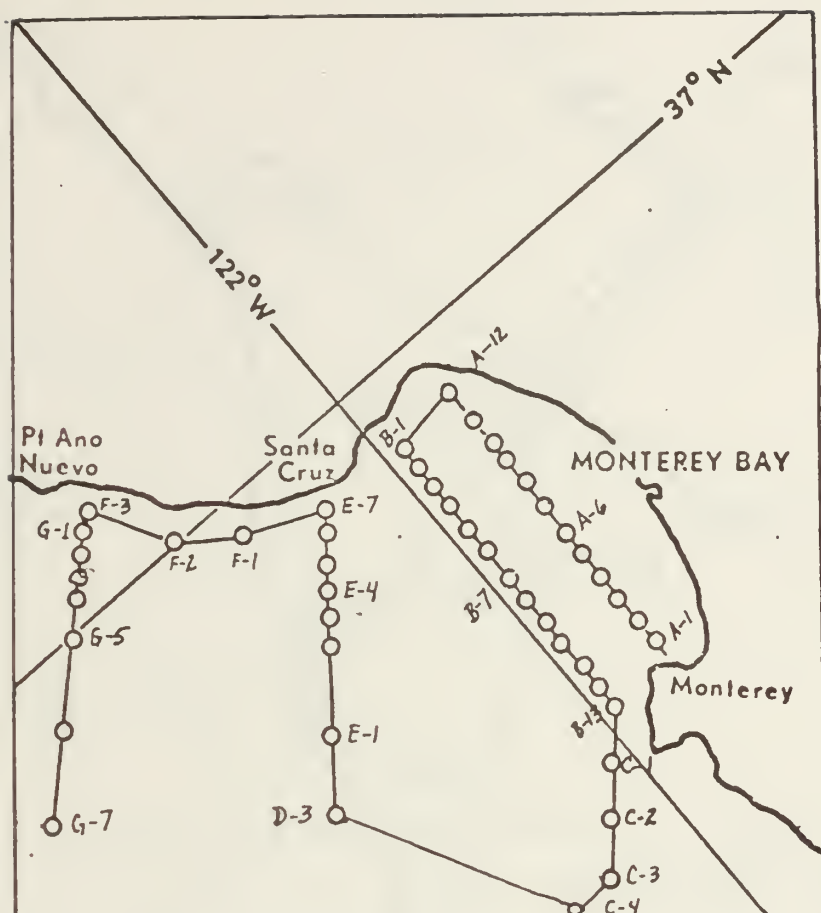


Figure 2. Approximate Station Locations, Cruise 14 to 17 January 1975

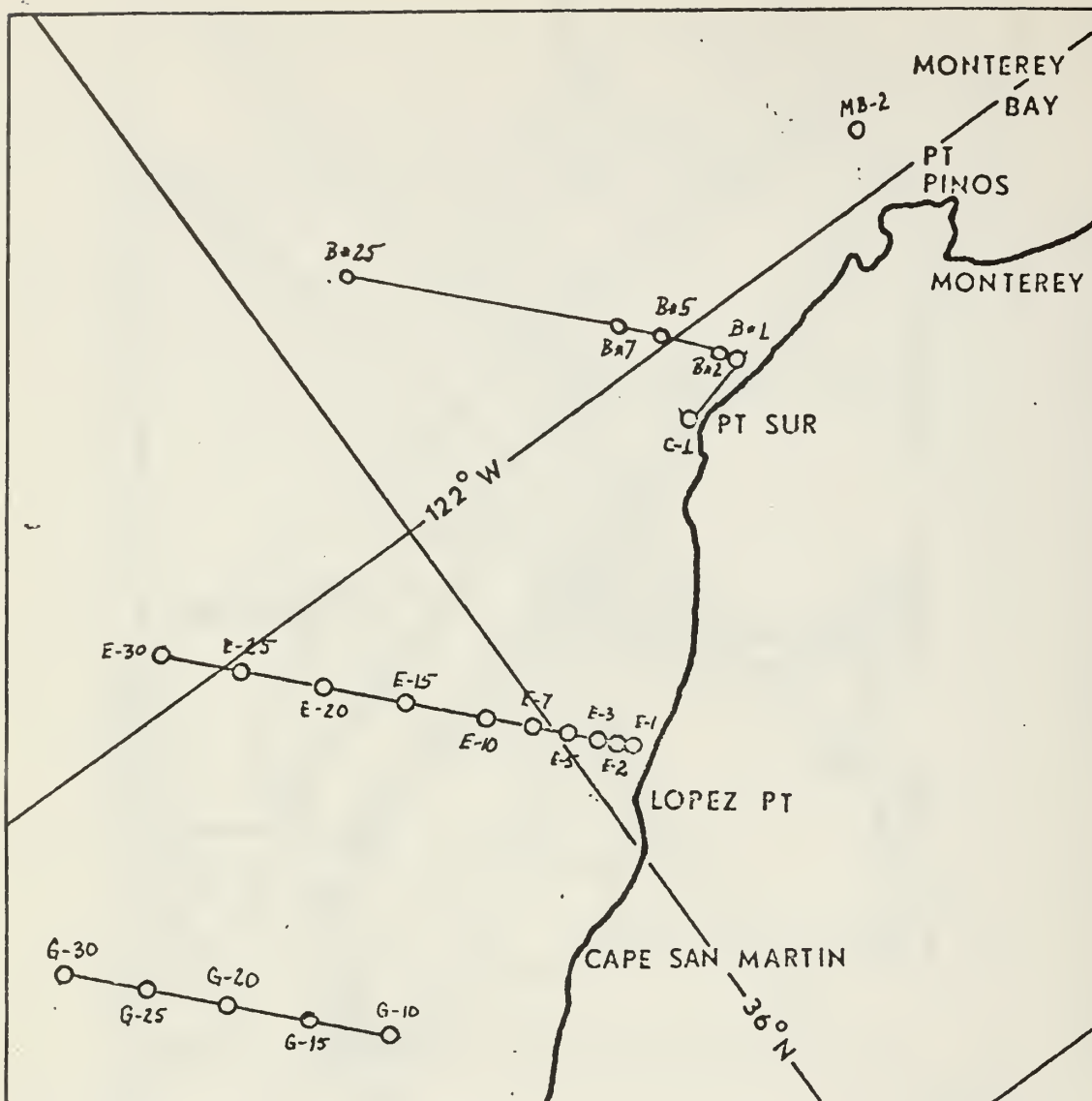


Figure 3. Approximate Station Locations, Cruise 15 to 18 April 1974

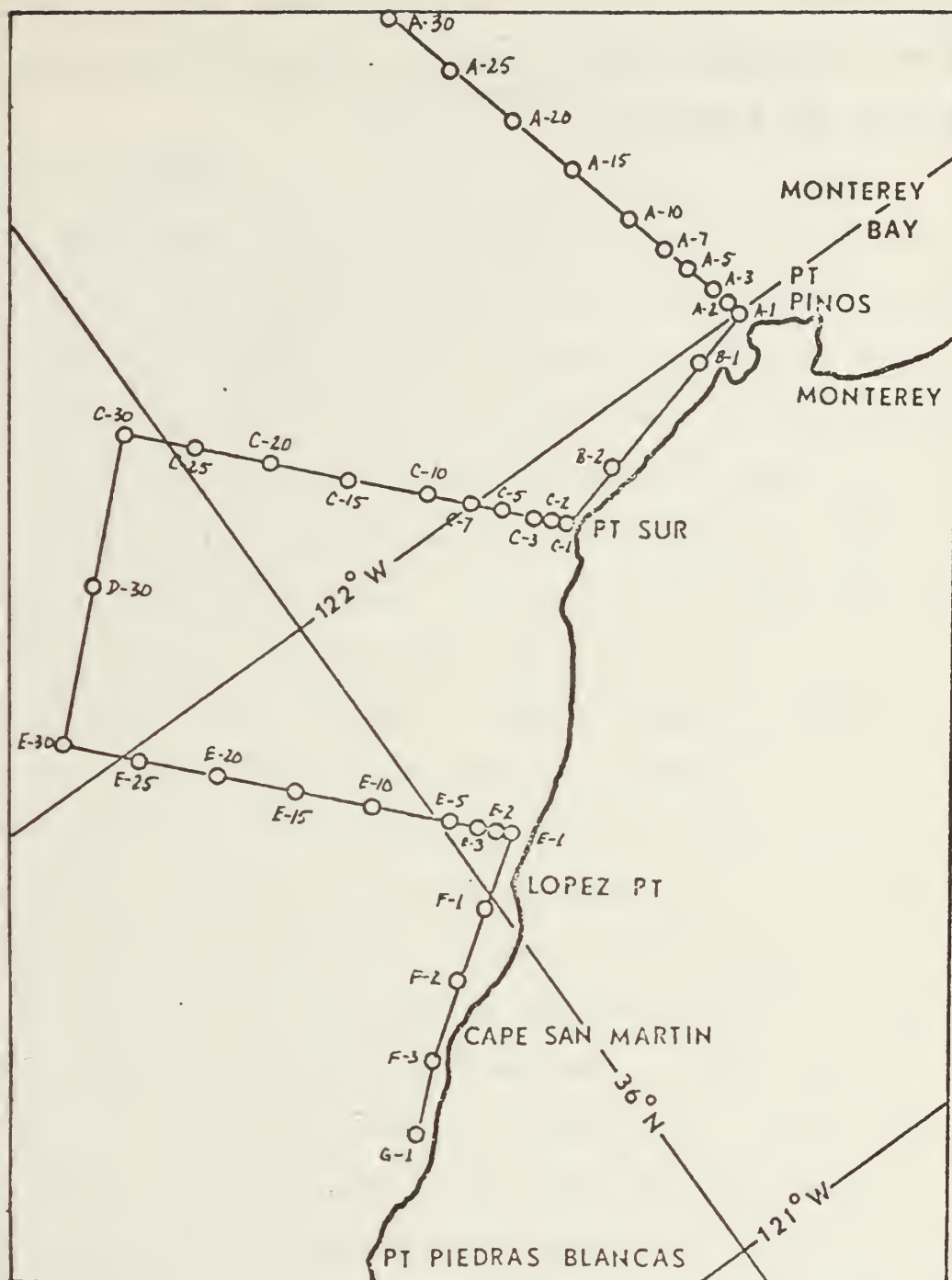


Figure 4. Approximate Station Locations, Cruise 17 to 21 January 1975

particulate matter samples were processed within 30 minutes after the samples were on board. STD and/or XBT casts were made at all stations.

IV. DATA ANALYSIS

A. INTRODUCTION

To depict the distribution of particulate matter in a water column with regard to depth, area, and oceanic season, data from four cruises along the central California coast were studied in some detail. Complete data tables and graphs for each cruise are presented in a technical report (NPS-58TX751101) available from the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California, 93940. In order to concisely display the observations a station data table and five types of graphs are employed. (Sample computer programs for the station data and the graphing schemes are included in the Appendix.) To compare the present data with previous studies such as those of Gordon and Bader [7,1], a formula was developed from the general equation for a Junge distribution^{*} that could be applied to any data from a particular channel number (i.e. particle diameter) of the Coulter counter. Solving this equation, values for C and K, the Junge distribution constants, could be computed for any station and depth. Comparison of graphs and numerical constants at a single station or area during different oceanic periods provides an insight to the "typical seasonal" particle

^{*}See page 40.

distributions that existed in this highly productive and complex coastal region.

B. DESCRIPTIVE TECHNIQUES

1. Station Data Tables

The station data table (two sample tables are included as Figure 5) gives the station number, time, date, and location of each observation. In addition the number of particles counted in each of the 13 channels used is indicated for each depth. Below the particle count the total volume in cubic microns occupied by that number of particles in each size range (channel) is indicated. The mean diameter in microns of the particles in each channel is also shown. All counts were made from a 2 ml seawater sample. On the second line from the bottom for each discrete depth, the total cumulative volume in cubic microns occupied by all particle sizes for that depth is displayed. The bottom line for each depth is an uncertainty factor (\pm). This factor, in cubic microns, applies to the total cumulative volume figure for each depth. The factor is computed by multiplying the square root of the particle count for each diameter (channel) times the volume occupied by one particle of this size. By summing these factors for each diameter over the entire size range the total uncertainty factor of the cumulative volume for each depth is obtained.

COULTER COUNTER DATA SHIP R/V ACANIA
 STATION 8-5 , 0658 HRS PST, 36 DEG 50.4 MIN N, 122 DEG 00.0 MIN W, 28 OCT 73
 PARTICLE DIAMETERS IN MICRONS, VOLUMES IN CUBIC MICRONS PER 2ML SEAWATER SAMPLE

VOLUME-BE-COUNT										
SAMPLE DEPTH IN METERS	0	5	10	15	20	30	40	50	60	70
27.86 CM#	88649	---	22172	35435	11081	---	---	11081	---	33261
21.96 1	44348	16630	22172	27718	33261	38803	16630	22172	5543	27718
17.43 2	55435	13839	11081	44348	22172	22172	19402	33261	19402	30489
13.83 3	80388	19402	19402	56821	37479	20788	22172	11081	33261	23563
10.98 4	39589	15242	15242	36728	24928	17323	13839	23563	27718	31182
8.71 5	62712	24928	23213	35688	22889	13188	13188	24591	29485	35326
6.92 6	78861	58839	52124	64748	41793	13087	12299	25639	39679	43309
5.49 7	77989	65723	58839	77237	46387	19142	18671	23933	39988	48676
4.36 8	73123	51381	56359	73082	58332	28358	18382	24286	48939	48932
3.46 9	78832	66173	56358	68193	56238	26227	18172	25639	43179	46718
2.74 10	68389	48233	58839	59792	58988	27748	15138	22836	39322	38885
2.18 11	37821	31729	23183	38688	27178	23284	15348	18979	39279	32298
1.73 12	31279	23338	23173	28313	21933	19988	18293	13933	23282	28222
1.37 13	27298	22179	32223	24937	22933	29326	27288	23379	37176	39712
TOTAL VOL ICM 0-131 IN 2ML SW	890691	497521	501349	728675	501267	294484	202864	308006	441212	502673
UNCERT(1%)	92267	37135	53241	76446	55674	39379	32725	49178	36106	63425

COULTER COUNTER DATA SHIP R/V ACANIA
 STATION 8-6 , 0800 HRS PST, 36 DEG 48.9 MIN N, 122 DEG 00.0 MIN W, 28 OCT 73
 PARTICLE DIAMETERS IN MICRONS, VOLUMES IN CUBIC MICRONS PER 2ML SEAWATER SAMPLE

VOLUME-BE-COUNT										
SAMPLE DEPTH IN METERS	0	10	20	30	49	73	97	145	194	290
27.86 CM#	---	11081	33261	33261	199588	---	---	---	---	22172
21.96 1	16630	16630	33261	---	255088	33261	11081	11081	5543	5543
17.43 2	16630	11081	16630	24942	218972	30489	11081	5543	13839	30489
13.83 3	9701	30489	36833	19402	242832	31873	27718	13839	13244	22172
10.98 4	2873	16630	13188	15242	153121	27718	16630	6929	12478	29786
8.71 5	9354	10047	13939	13512	102273	30183	29183	11433	15222	37782
6.92 6	10227	15097	18832	9872	82982	32828	29742	12128	17823	45386
5.49 7	8488	13122	19429	13839	77923	31848	28379	12128	15389	47269
4.36 8	6482	13642	19335	16838	72652	31429	27980	14288	18171	48877
3.46 9	10222	12981	20377	25279	83972	28348	35288	14939	18138	43898
2.74 10	7983	18839	18488	22968	57337	28382	22288	12378	15178	38283
2.18 11	4362	4329	18281	18373	33223	28818	28812	18278	17713	38288
1.73 12	3832	11379	16926	22933	48782	18479	13889	3797	3722	23582
1.37 13	21212	32279	37833	33882	78832	29189	27388	15972	16332	41822
TOTAL VOL ICM 0-131 IN 2ML SW	144899	218349	332880	284467	1709995	368079	295521	148709	180331	456327
UNCERT(1%)	27185	42919	57941	43364	155218	44268	33124	25038	26876	52850

Figure 5. Sample Station Data Tables (from Reference 6).

2. Type 1 Graphs

The Type 1 graph depicts the logarithm (base 10) of the particle volume for a given depth and size as a function of the logarithm (base 10) of the particle diameter. A sample graph is shown in Figure 6. A separate curve is plotted and labelled for each depth increment. The straight horizontal lines indicated on most of these plots suggest the total particle volume for any given diameter (in a size range from 1μ to 30μ) is approximately constant. This agrees with the hypothesis presented by Sheldon, Prakash and Sutcliffe [17], i.e. total cumulative volume occupied by all particles in any size range from bacteria to whales is constant. Variations at the large end of the size scale result from too few particle counts for these sizes (zero counts occurred frequently at the larger diameters, i.e., channels 0 and 1) and probably do not indicate true distributions.

3. Type 2 Graphs

The Type 2 graph (shown in Figure 7) is similar to the Type 1 except that the logarithm (base 10) of the actual particle count for each depth and size, rather than the cumulative volume, is plotted as a function of the logarithm (base 10) of the particle diameter. Again each depth is labelled and corresponds to a specific curve. This log-log display also illustrates a straight line relationship which shows that as individual particle size increases the total number of particles of larger diameter must decrease in

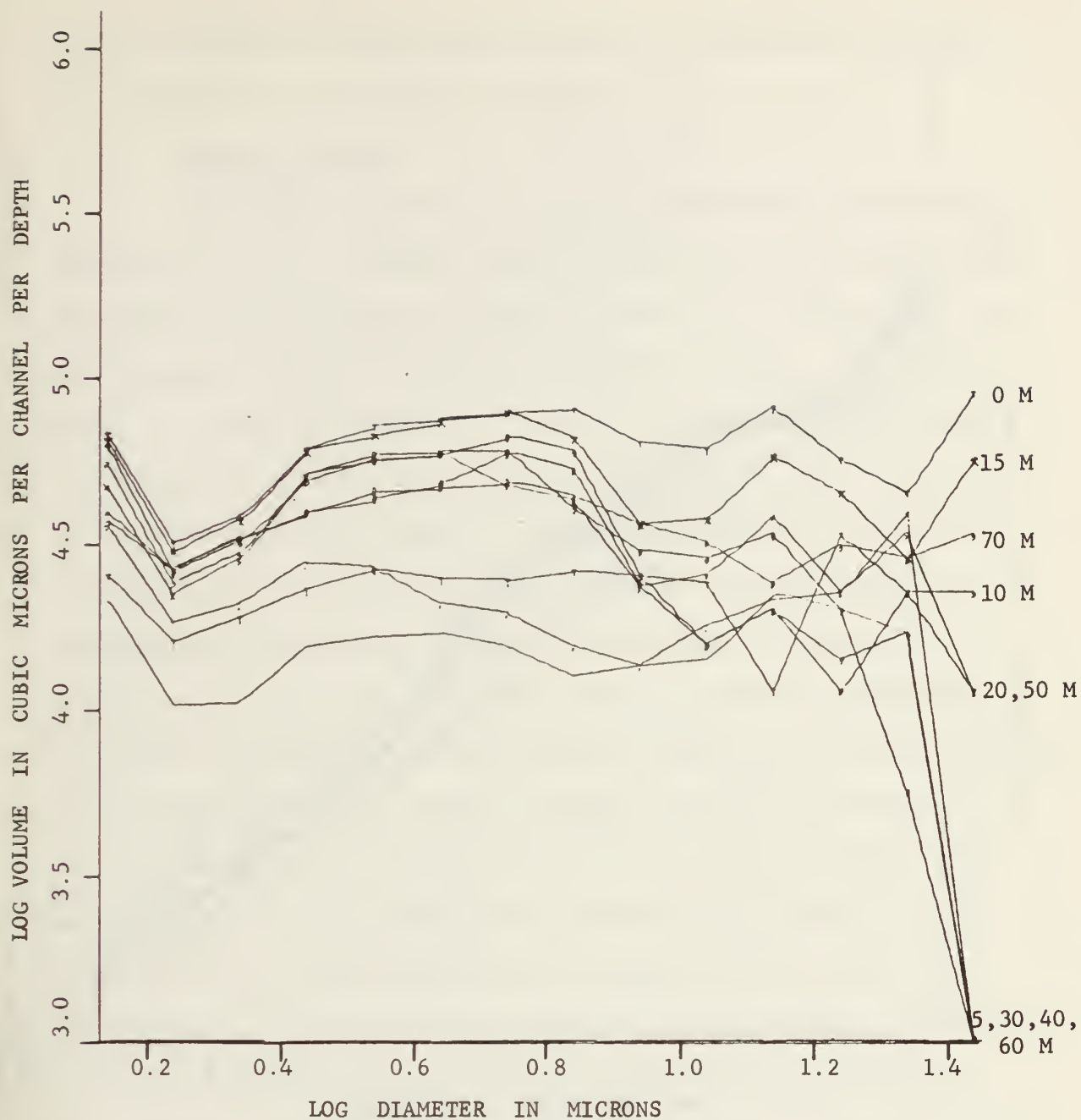


Figure 6. Type 1, Station B-5, Cruise 27 to 31 October 1973

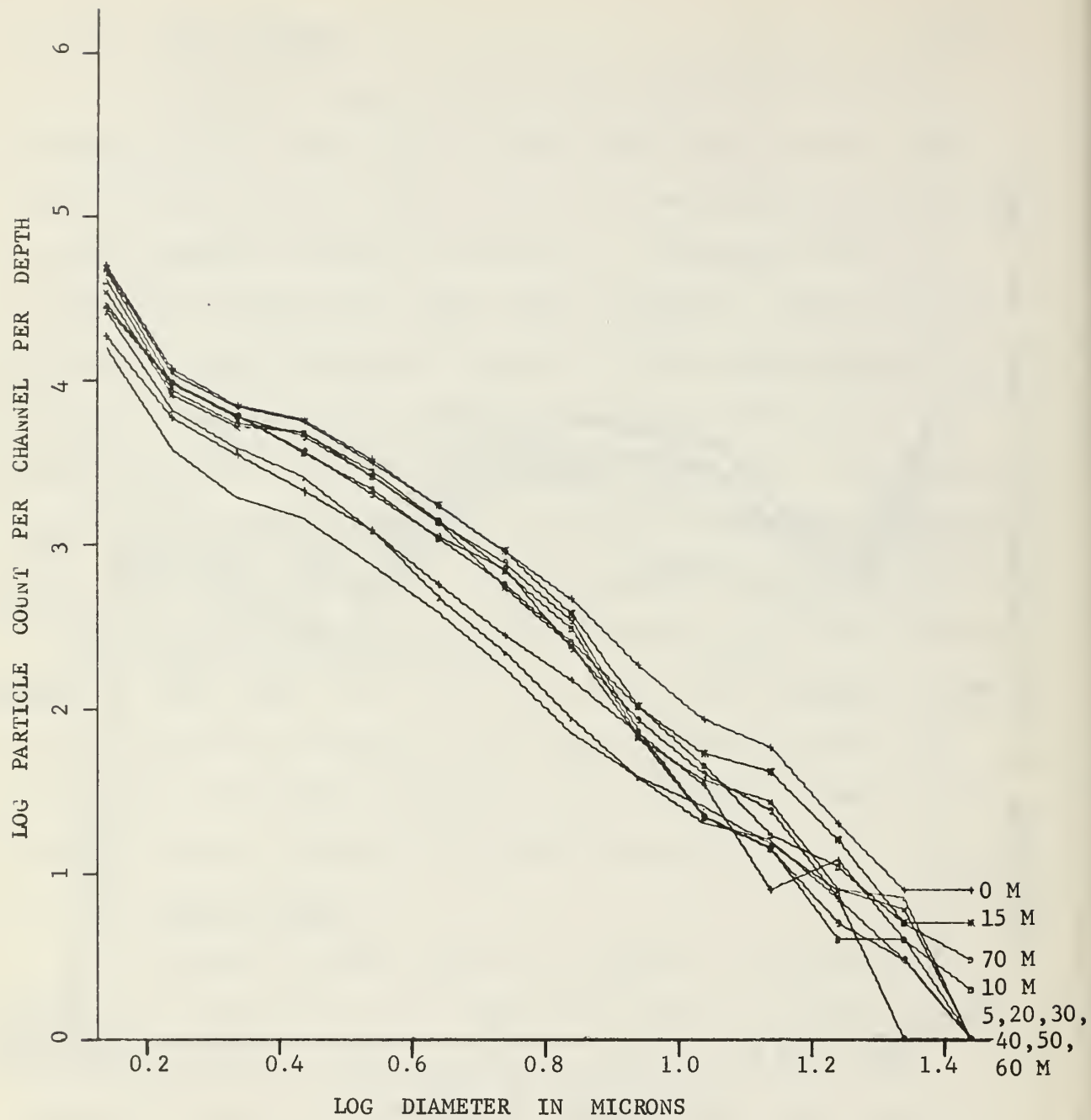


Figure 7. Type 2, Station B-5, Cruise 27 to 31 October 1973

order to maintain the total volume at a constant level as was indicated in the Type 1 graphs.

4. Type 3 Graphs

The Type 3 graph is a three-dimensional perspective drawing [13] for a single station depicting the logarithm of the number of particles counted (z-axis) as a function of the channel number (x-axis) and depth (y-axis). A sample graph is shown in Figure 8. Particle diameter is plotted increasing from the rear (channel 13) to the front (channel 0) of the graph and depth is plotted in meters with the surface value on the left. For optimum three-dimensional displays the computer requires the values to be plotted along each axis to be scaled to equal orders of magnitude. In order to obtain suitable scaled values the particle diameter corresponding to each channel number was multiplied by 10 and the logarithm of particle count was multiplied by 100 prior to plotting. The view is shown at an angle of 45° between the x- and y-axes from an angle of 15° above the horizontal. A computerized hidden line suppression algorithm was used to eliminate lines which could not be seen from the viewer's position. Each completed graph illustrates the particle distribution by size and count in the water column to depths as great as 1000 m.

5. Type 4 Graphs

A second type of three-dimensional perspective graph (Type 4) displays particle information for one depth in a given section (i.e. along a line of stations). The only

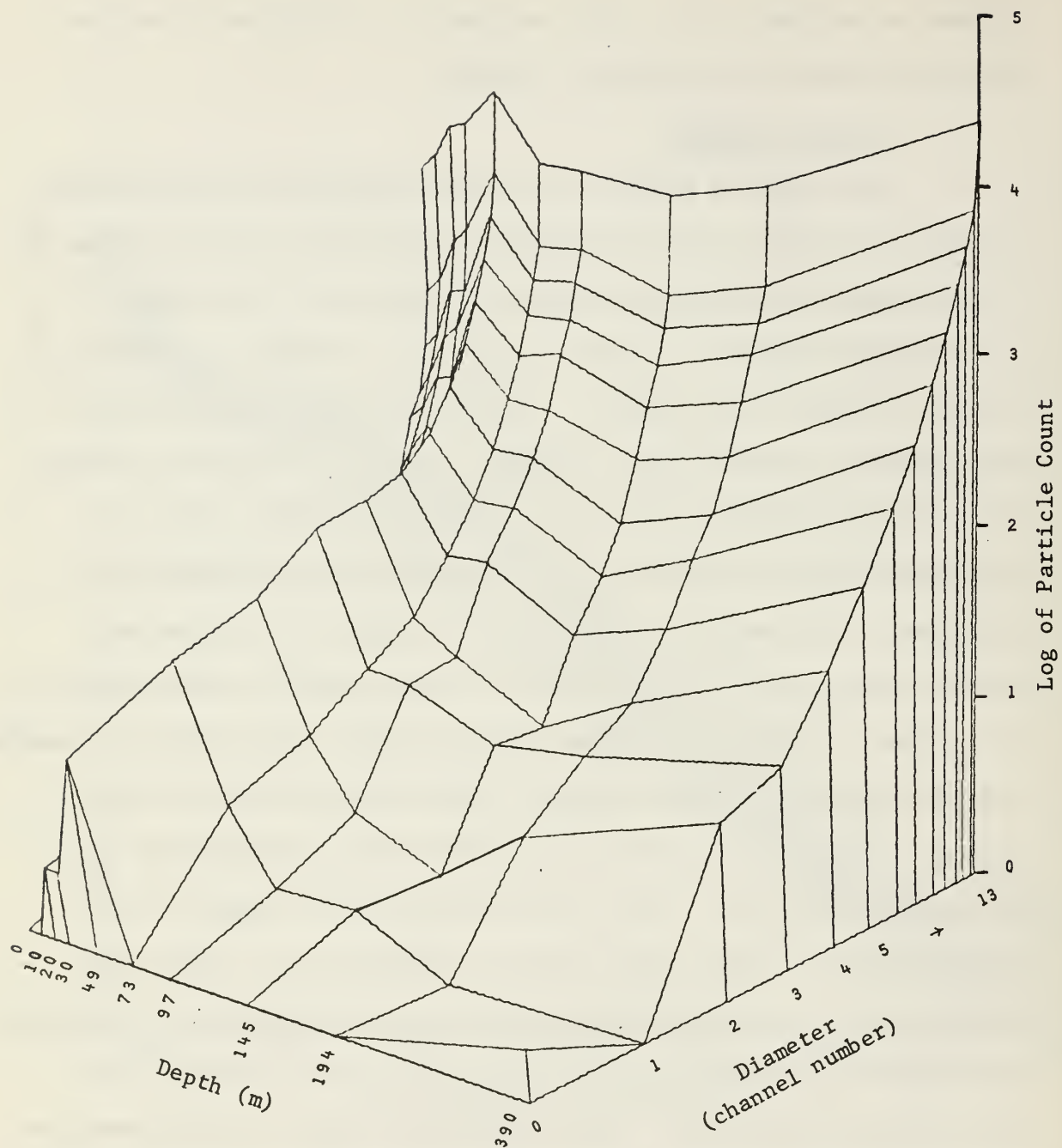


Figure 8. Type 3, Station B-6, Cruise 27 to 31 October 1973

change in the graphical presentation is that depth which had previously been plotted along the y-axis has been replaced by a station number. The station plotted to the left is closest to shore; all other stations are plotted as a distance in miles seaward of this base station. Each graph represents data for only one depth; plots at depths of 0 and 10 m for the E section are shown in Figures 9 and 10. All areas represented are plotted from nearshore stations toward the deeper offshore stations, except the A and B sections of the two northern cruises which extend across Monterey Bay from stations A-1 and B-13 in the south to A-12 and B-1 in the north. The vertical axis (log of particle count) of both Type 3 and Type 4 graphs illustrates relative values of counts for each individual graph only; comparison of counts between different stations or sections may only be made by referring back to the station data tables for actual count values.

These graphs represent a comparative view of the changes in number and size of particles as water depth and distance from shore increases. This type of display is useful in displaying changes in particle concentration as distance offshore from coastal particle sources (beaches, cliffs, rivers) is increased. For scaling purposes the distance in n mi seaward from the base station was multiplied by 100 prior to plotting.

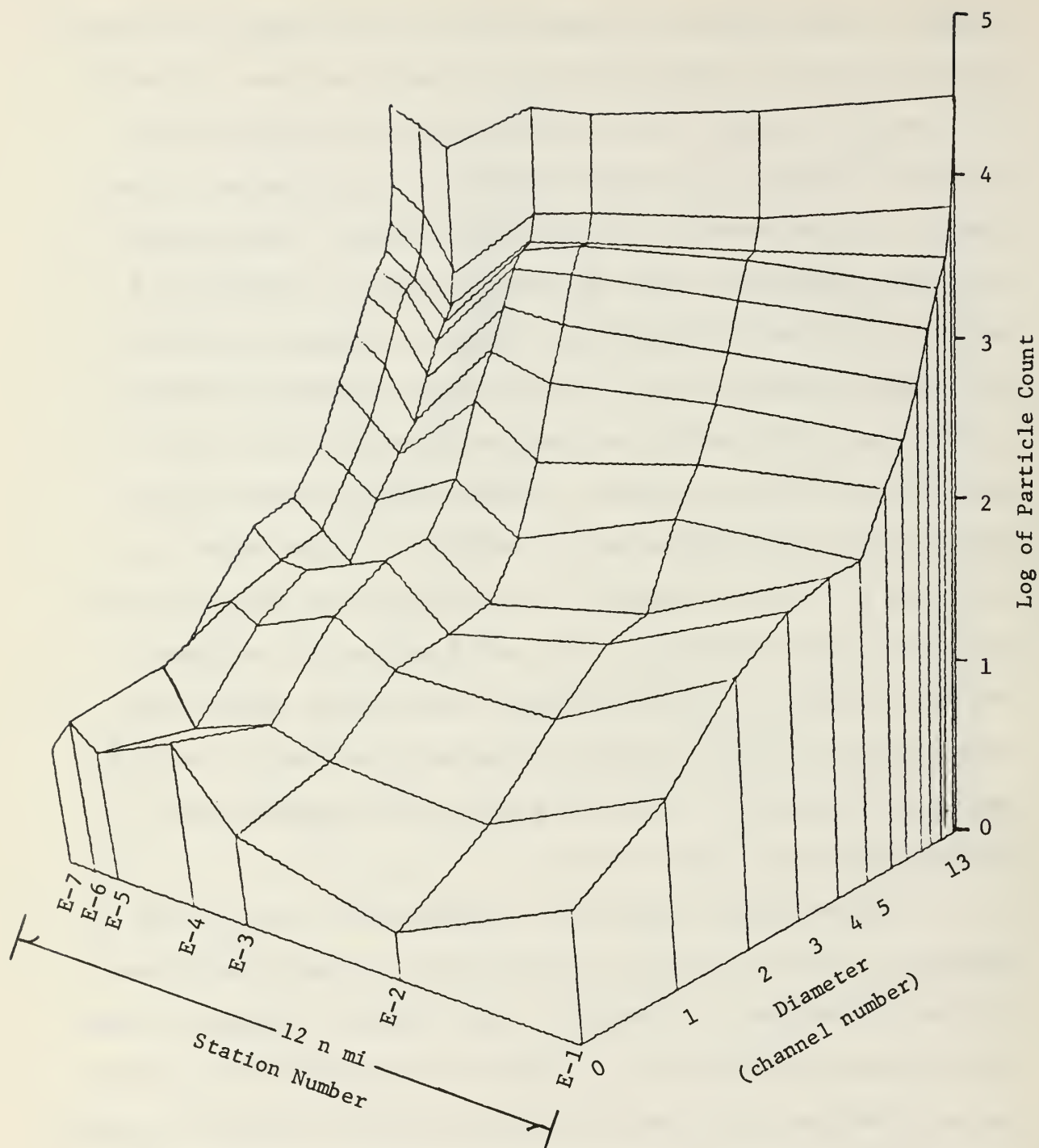


Figure 9. Type 4, Line E, 0 m, Cruise 27 to 31 October 1973

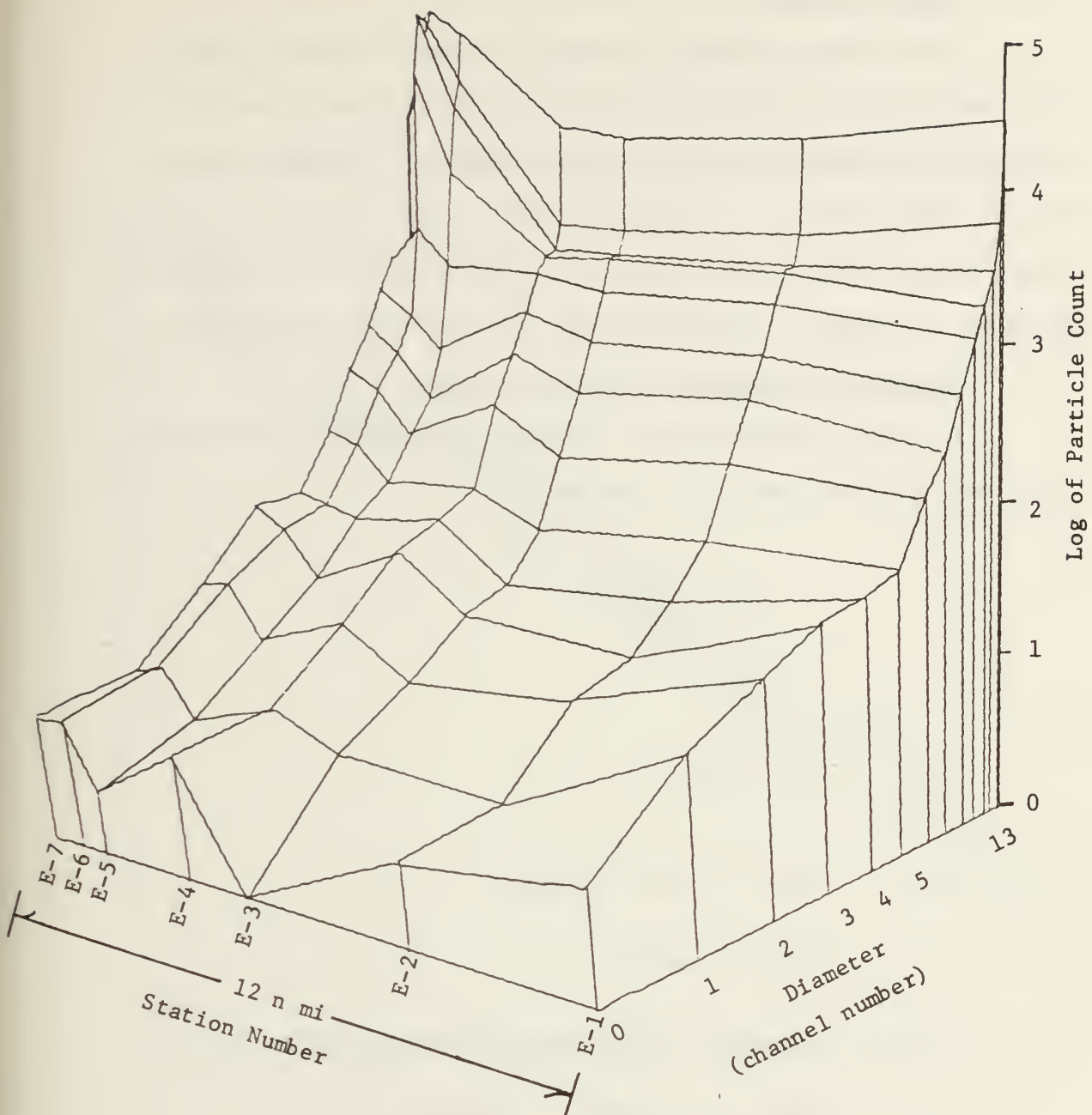


Figure 10. Type 4, Line E, 10 m, Cruise 27 to 31 October 1973

6. Type 5 Graphs

The final graphical display (Type 5 graph) plots the logarithm of particle diameter against the logarithm of the particle count per channel per depth. Plotted along a line of stations for a discrete depth this figure is basically an end view along the y-axis of the data that is plotted on the Type 4 graphs. A sample plot is shown as Figure 11.

7. Tables of Observed C and K Values

A Junge distribution for data gathered with a Model T Coulter counter may be given as:

$$M_i = K' D_i^{-C}$$

where:

$$K' = K(1-2^{-C/3})$$

$$M_i = \text{count in any channel } i$$

$$i = \text{channel number}$$

$$D_i = \text{diameter in microns of channel } i$$

K and C are constants.

If the logarithm (base 10) of the count in channel i is plotted as a function of the logarithm (base 10) of the diameter (in microns) of that channel (as are the Type 2 graphs) the slope of the graph is the constant C. Slopes

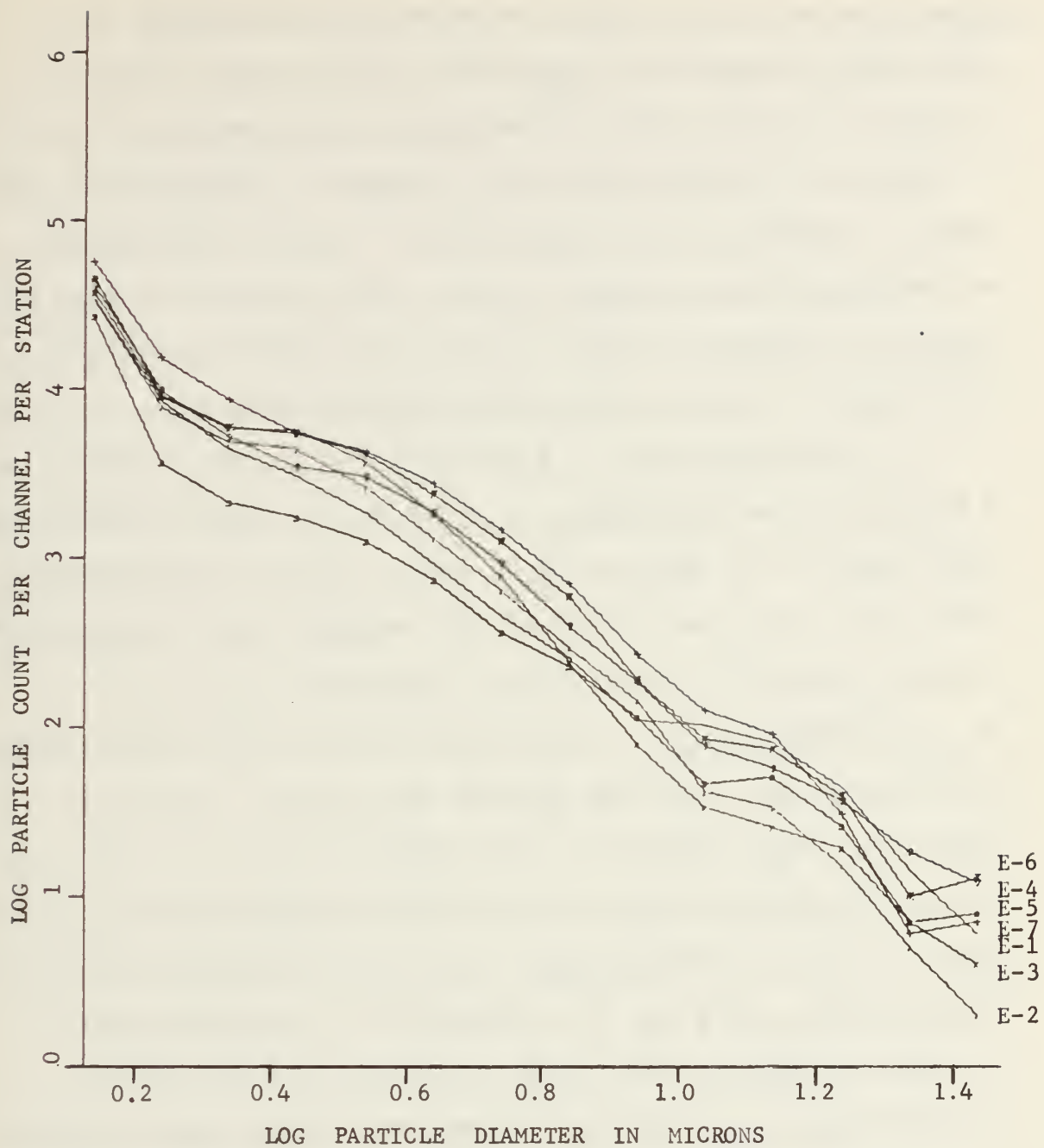


Figure 11. Type 5, Line E, 0 m, Cruise 27 to 31 October 1973

were calculated along the line segment corresponding to a given depth between the logarithm of the diameter scale values of 3.75 and 8.75 (corresponding to diameters of 2.37 to 7.50 μ). With the value for C known, K' can be found and used to compute K. All calculations of K were made using values from channel number 8 with a mean diameter of 4.36 μ . Tables of observed values of C and K for selected stations are located in each cruise data discussion section.

Observed values of K were divided by two to obtain a K value for a 1 ml sample in order that a direct comparison with Gordon's [7] data could be made. Gordon's measurements taken from the clear waters of the Sargasso Sea area indicated typical values for C of 2.4 to 3.1 and for K of 8×10^3 to 20×10^3 particles/ml. Approximately 75% of the total number of C values from the four cruises fell in the 2.4 to 3.1 range, but less than 50% of the values for the 15 to 18 April 1974 cruise (during the Upwelling Period) were in this range. This deviation is seen to be quite pronounced on the Type 2 graphs. Most of the "straight" lines, especially for shallow depths, show kinks or knees which are quite characteristic of plankton "blooms" in oceanic areas of high productivity. Values of C and K can be highly variable on the same graph for different size ranges because these plankton blooms can dominate the count in their own size range. To establish a basis for comparison all calculations were made over the same size range with a medium diameter of 4.36 μ .

Values of K which fell in the 8 to 20×10^3 particle/ml range were almost exclusively confined to depths greater than 100 m. Surface values generally occurred in a mean range from 50 to 200×10^3 particles/ml, but again significant deviations were noted. At two stations during both of the Davidson Current Period cruises values for K in excess of 1500×10^3 particles/ml were observed. During the Upwelling Period cruise average surface values of K were in the 20 to 50×10^3 particles/ml range. It was noted that K values usually decreased with depth to approximately 100 m, while below this depth a stable background count of 8 to 20×10^3 particles/ml was generally maintained.

The great difference between C and K values for California coastal waters and those of the Sargasso Sea is not surprising. Waters of the Sargasso Sea form part of the center of the North Atlantic Gyre. In this area there is a very small exchange of water, and no upwelling takes place to bring nutrients from below; consequently the area is almost a biological desert. The values of C and K found by Bader [1] are characteristic of this "clear" ocean water. Conversely, water which is rich in nutrients and capable of sustaining large biological populations will produce curves with many biologically induced peaks characteristic of particular species and will lead to large variations in values for C and K. In addition to a constant supply of new particles from the land, shallow coastal waters are constantly being

mixed due to the combined action of wind, tides and currents interacting with the bottom and shore, thus inhibiting the natural process of size sorting by settling, and higher particle counts, especially for larger diameters, are a natural consequence.

C. CRUISE DATA DISCUSSION

Complete station data tables, graphs, and tables of C and K values for each cruise are presented in a separate technical report [6]. Some representative samples of the data are provided in support of the cruise data discussions presented below.

1. 27 to 31 October 1973

As is normally characteristic of the Oceanic Period, surface temperatures for the stations occupied during this cruise averaged in excess of 13 °C. One notable exception was station G-2 which displayed a very localized area of cold surface water (11.4°C) probably indicative of a patch of upwelled water. A sharp thermocline varying from just below the surface to a depth of approximately 40 m over the canyon and at some offshore stations was observed throughout the area. This temperature profile produced a strong pycnocline causing large numbers of particles in a wide range of sizes to become trapped.

The Type 1 graphs for the stations along lines I and K are quite indicative of the pycnocline acting as a particle trap. In most cases a very definite break is evident

(especially on the right side corresponding to larger size particles), as depths above the thermocline have generally increasing cumulative volumes and those below the thermocline remain approximately horizontal (constant volume) or tend to fall off. Invariably the depth at which curves break in opposite directions coincides with the thermocline depth. The Type 1 graph for station I-6 (Figure 12) provides a good example. Cumulative volume lines for depths 0, 5, 10, 20 and 30 m show a dramatic increase for large diameter particles. At 50 m the cumulative volume for all sizes is much lower, and 75 m indicates a drop off. The XBT data indicate that the thermocline for this station is located at a depth of 33 m.

The two Type 3 graphs (Stations C-3, and I-1) included in Figures 13 and 14 display large particle counts across the full range of particle diameters at depths which correspond very closely with the thermocline (and hence, pycnocline) depth at each station. These graphs also indicate a general decline in the number of larger particles with depth. Smaller diameter particles normally show maxima near the thermocline, but counts remain relatively constant at greater depths.

Type 4 graphs (for 0 and 10 m) were made for sections covered by the A, B, E, G, I and K station lines. Stations A-5, A-6, A-7, A-8 and B-6, B-7, B-8, and B-9 lie over the Monterey Submarine Canyon. Graphs for the A and B sections clearly show a "reflection" of the bottom topography, as the

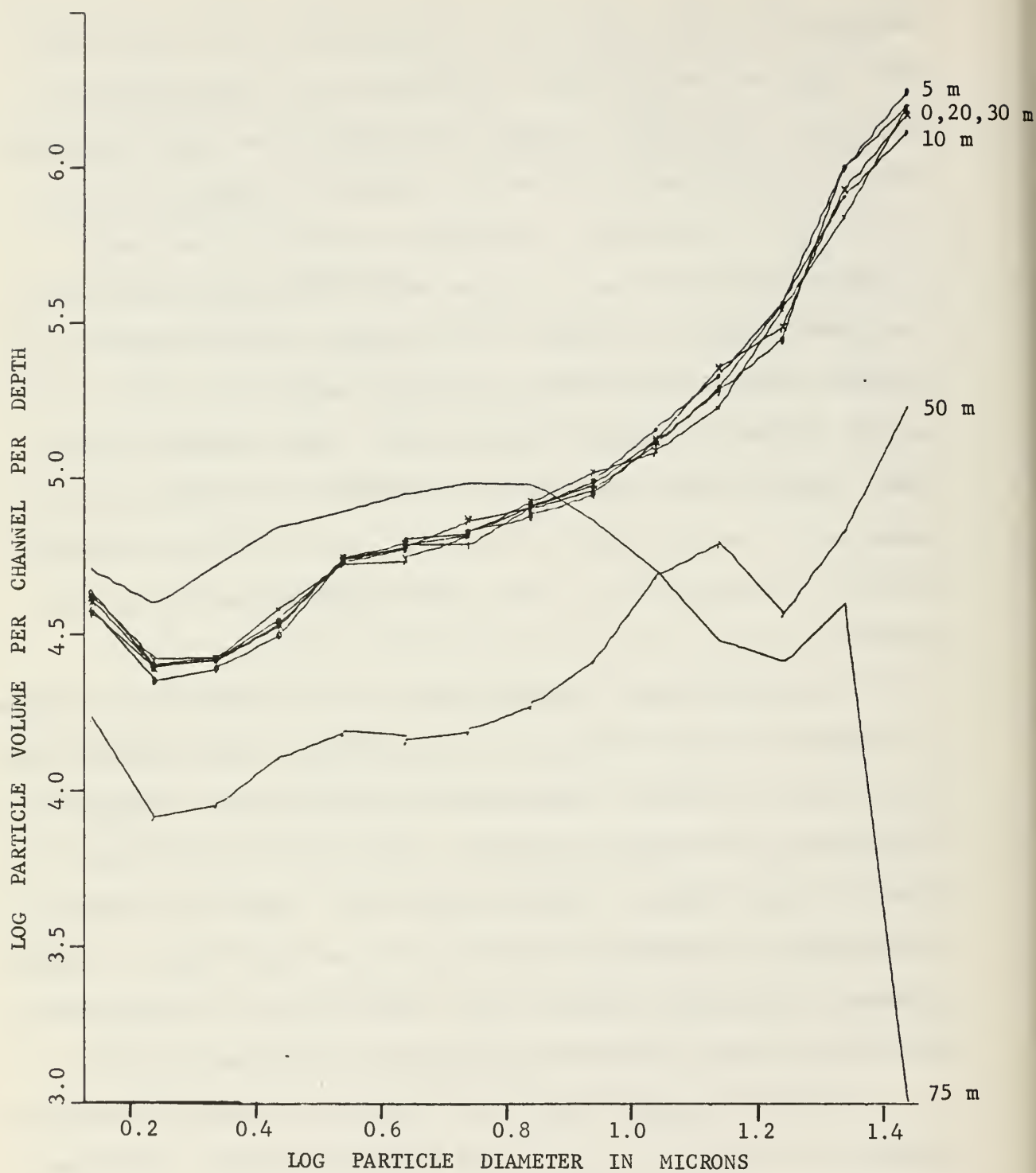


Figure 12. Type 1, Station I-6, Cruise 27 to 31 October 1973

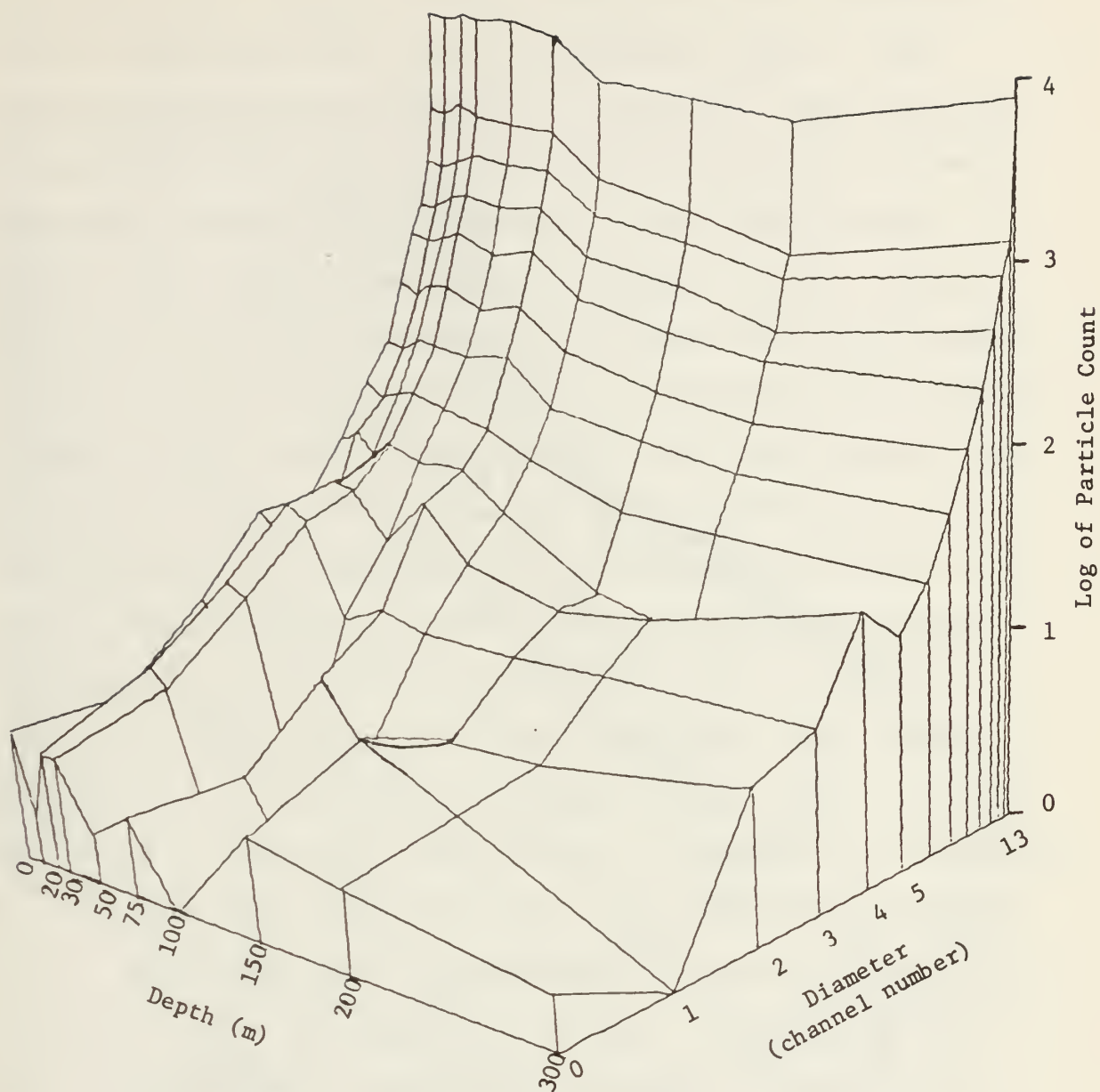


Figure 13. Type 3, Station C-3, Cruise 27 to 31 October 1973

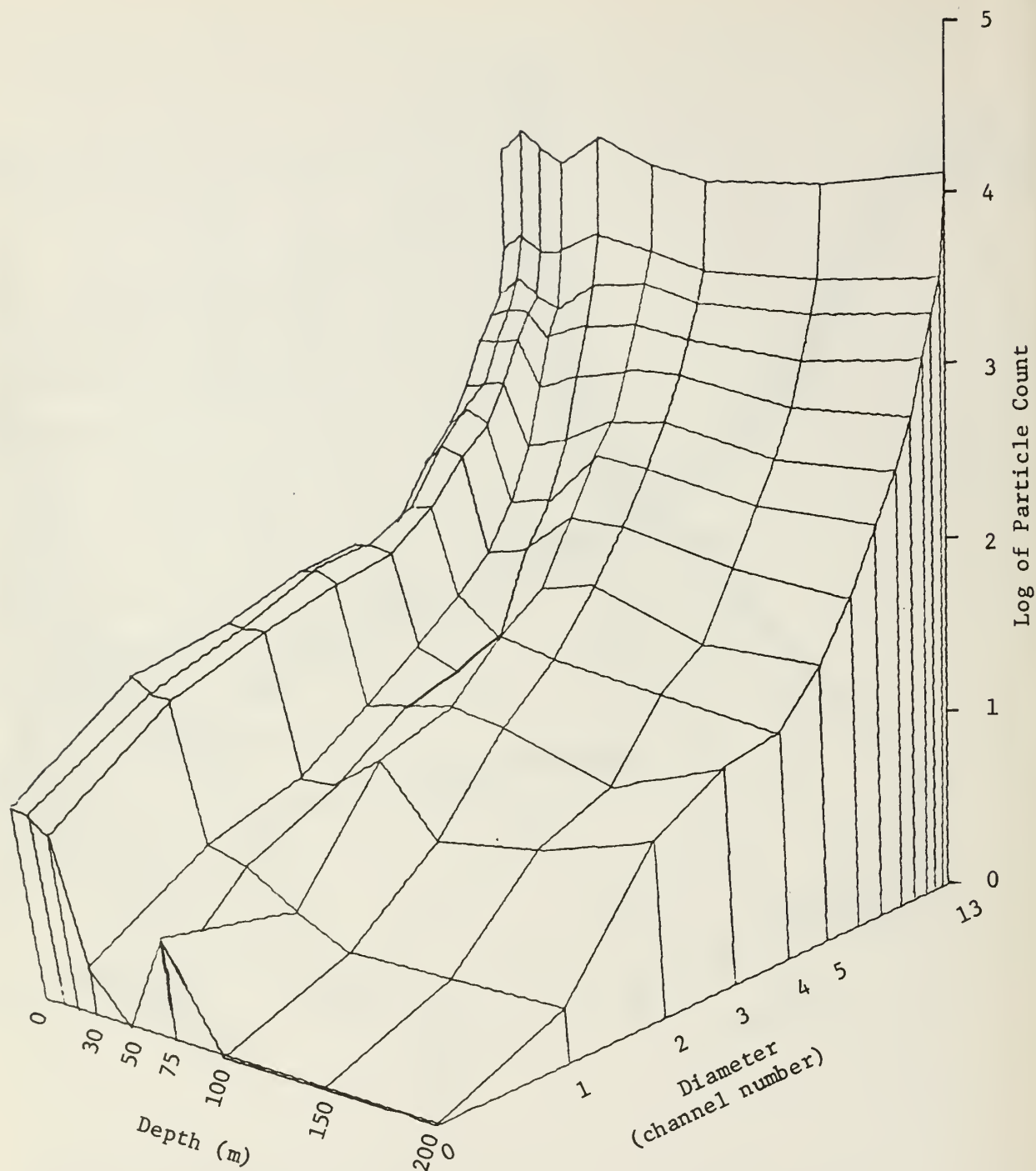


Figure 14. Type 3, Station I-1, Cruise 27 to 31 October 1973

counts for the "canyon stations" mentioned show a definite decline along the entire range of particle sizes. (Some sample plots are shown in Figures 15 and 16.) This drop-off in counts is particularly noticeable for the larger diameter particles. Shallow water stations at both ends of each section line show increased counts compared to the "canyon stations" for all size ranges. This agrees with the findings of Sheldon, Evelyn, and Parsons [16] in Departure Bay, British Columbia which lead to the suggestion that areas where larger size particles are confined mainly to the surface may be characteristic of rocky coasts or relatively deep water. In shallow water, counts of larger size particles may increase with depth due to settling. Carder, Beardsley and Pak [4] also found concentrations of particles to be higher close to shore where wave action, biological action, and run-off all worked to maintain a large amount of material in suspension.

Individual data tables for stations in line sections E, G, I and K indicate very high relative particle counts for channels 0 and 1 for almost all depths. However some drop-off at these sizes is noted for stations at the seaward end of the station lines where water depths exceed 100 m. Examples include stations I-1, I-2, K-9, K-10, K-11, E-1, E-2, E-3, G-4, G-5, G-6, and G-7. It is to be noted that the maximum counts for large diameter particles for all four of these section lines occur for stations in the middle of the lines and drop off at both the shoreward station and all

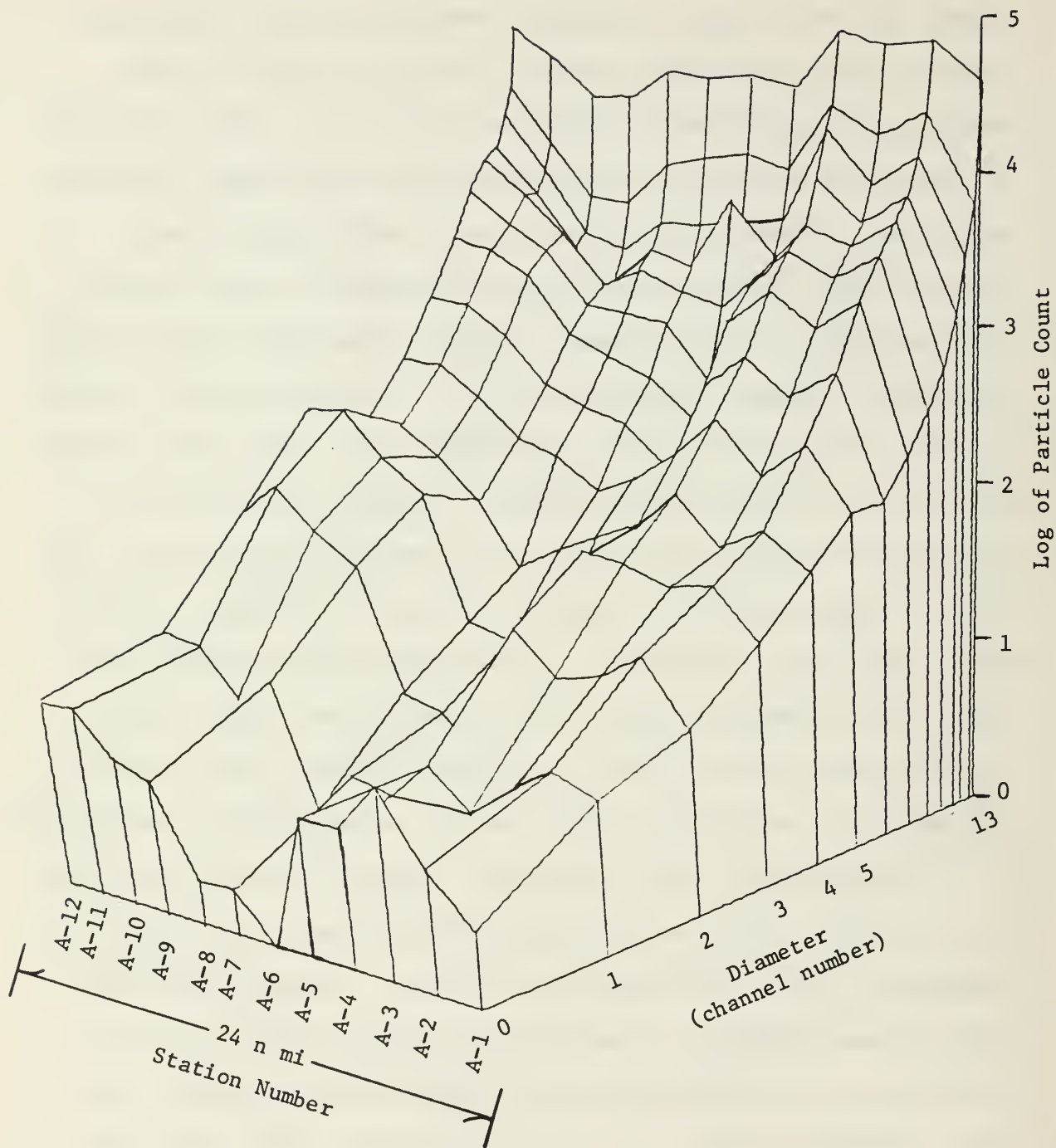


Figure 15. Type 4, Line A, 0 m, Cruise 27 to 31 October 1973

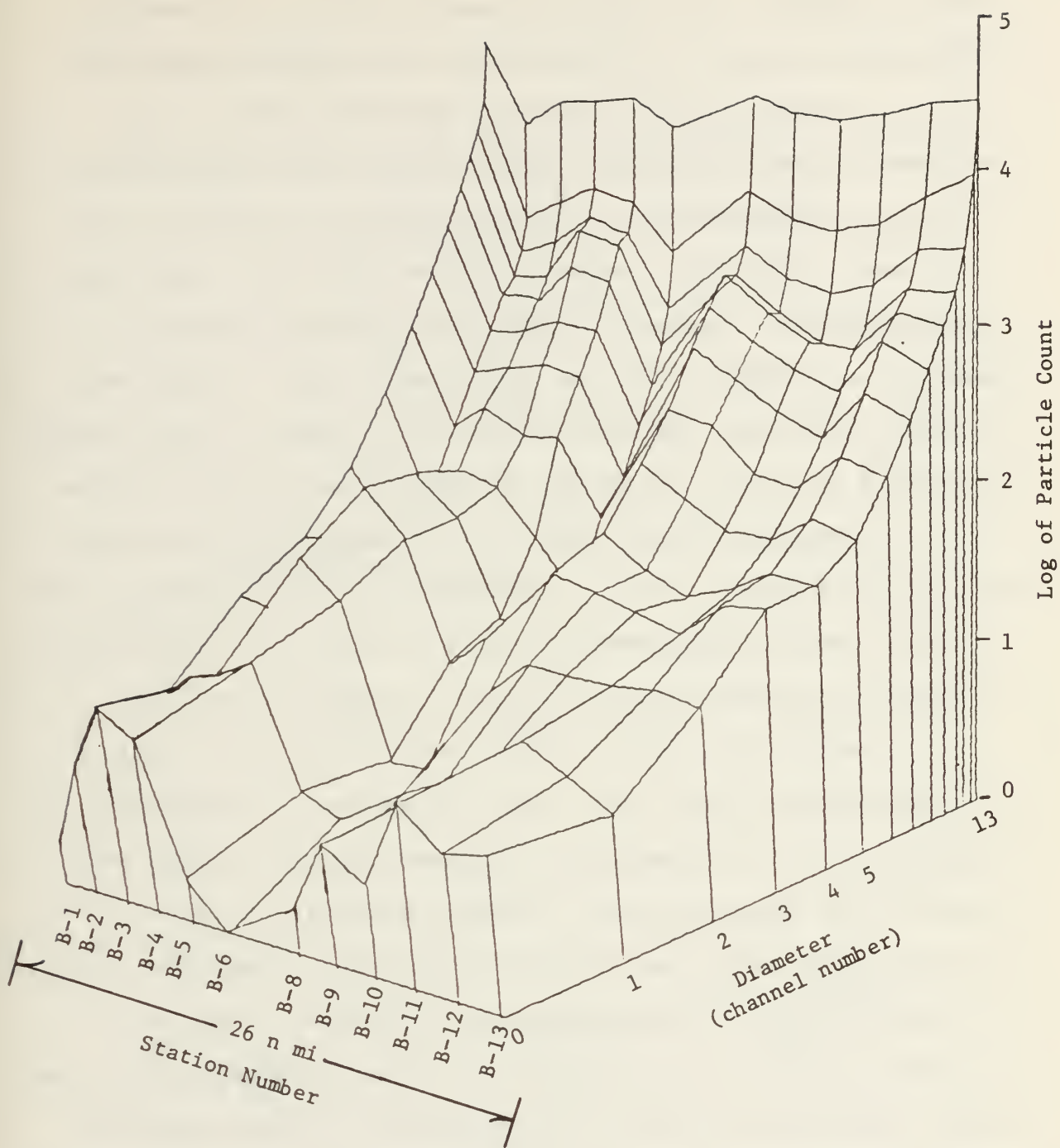


Figure 16. Type 4, Line B, 10 m, Cruise 27 to 31 October 1973

seaward stations with depths exceeding 100 m. An example is shown in Figure 17. This distribution may be connected with the coastal current normally characteristic of the Davidson Current Period, but insufficient data were gathered to allow a determination of the existence or extent of such a current. Sutcliff, Sheldon, Prakash and Gordon [21] have demonstrated an increase in particulate matter beneath a Langmuir circulation induced convergence area. Since convergence areas are characteristic of the Oceanic Period these increased particle counts may be indicators of such regions.

Temperature data show a small region of relatively cold surface water (11.5 °C) centered around stations G-2 and G-3, but greatly increased particle counts do not seem to correspond closely with this area of possible upwelling.

Tables of C and K values observed for this cruise are included as Figure 18. Over 85% of the C values fall in the 2.4 to 3.1 range, which compares quite favorably with Gordon's [7] observations. Average values for K fall in the 30 to 300 x 10³ particles/ml region, but values did range as high as 600 x 10³ particles/ml. Localized areas of extremely high K are associated with shallow highly protected areas (stations A-12 and B-1) and areas of colder possibly upwelled water (G-1, G-4 & G-5). Values for K were generally found to decrease with depth.

2. 14 to 17 January 1975

Temperature profiles plotted from XBT and STD data gathered during this cruise were typical of the Davidson

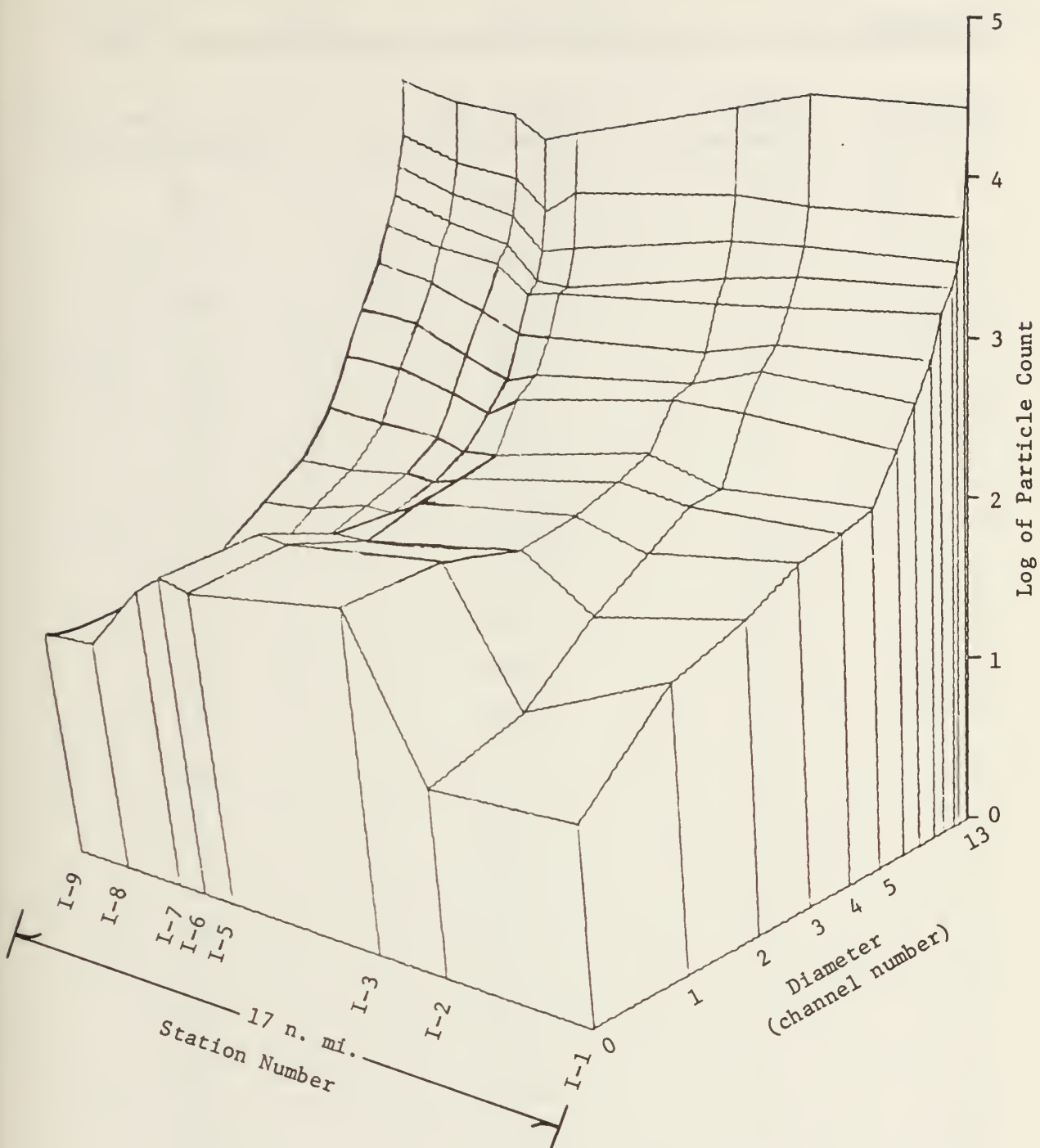


Figure 17. Type 4, Line I, 0 m, Cruise 27 to 31 October 1973

Observed C and K Values for Cruise 27 to 31 October 1973

Station Number	Depth (meters)	Slope (C) (count/micron)	K Value ($\times 10^3$) (particles/ml)
A-1	0	2.66	27
	28	3.10	78
A-2	0	2.60	21
A-7	0	3.00	130
A-10	0	2.96	366
	20	2.96	211
A-12	0	2.48	546
B-1	0	2.64	607
B-4	0	3.00	166
B-7	0	2.72	59
	200	2.72	10
B-8	29	2.56	35
B-9	50	3.30	30
B-10	50	2.98	23
B-12	0	2.16	40
	75	2.78	30
C-3	0	2.76	50
C-4	0	3.10	85
E-1	0	2.92	68
E-2	0	2.80	83
E-4	0	2.64	125
E-7	0	2.44	112
F-1	0	2.52	104
G-1	0	2.68	221
G-4	0	2.64	173
G-5	0	2.78	141
G-7	0	2.66	66
H-2	0	2.66	90

Figure 18

Station Number	Depth (meters)	Slope (C) (count/micron)	K Value ($\times 10^3$) (particles/ml)
I-1	0	2.10	34
	200	2.94	30
I-3	0	2.48	27
	75	2.36	56
I-5	0	2.16	41
I-9	5	2.52	171
J-2	0	2.04	89
J-4	0	2.60	230
K-2	0	2.54	92
K-8	0	1.96	51
	50	2.84	33
K-10	0	2.86	91
K-11	0	2.64	75

Figure 18 (cont'd)

Current Period. All stations exhibited isothermal conditions (≈ 11.5 °C) to a depth of at least 40 m and often to as deep as 100 m. Shallow water stations (less than 50 m) were usually isothermal to the bottom.

Two station data tables and Type 1 and 2 graphs (for station E-1) are presented as Figures 19, 20 and 21; they represent typical data from this cruise. In general the Type 1 graphs follow the horizontal straight line-constant volume hypothesis much more closely than those of the previous cruise. In addition the thermocline breaks in the cumulative volume curves observed in the previous cruise data are not seen here, probably due to the relatively weaker thermocline and a deeper mixed layer. Four Type 3 graphs were also plotted to allow a direct comparison of particle distribution with depth between similar stations during different oceanic periods. Section graphs were plotted for station lines A, B, E and E.

Generally station data tables for this cruise indicate a continued high level of particles in the water column; however due to the lack of strong thermocline exceptionally high counts do not correspond with any set depth but may appear at any depth in the mixed layer down to 100 m. Type 3 graphs for stations A-6, B-6, C-3 and G-7 (Figures 22 to 25) illustrate some typical distributions. Note that the station A-6 plot (Figure 22) shows that the maximum count for larger size particles occurs at 20 m, but maxima for the

COULTER COUNTER DATA SHIP R/V ACANIA
STATION D-3 , 1305 HRS PST, 36 DEG 43.0 MIN N, 122 DEG 18.8 MIN W, 15 JAN 75
PARTICLE DIAMETERS IN MICRONS, VOLUMES IN CUBIC MICRONS PER 2ML SEAWATER SAMPLE

-P-A-R-T-I-C-L-E-E-R-C-O-U-N-T-													
SAMPLE DEPTH IN METERS	0	10	20	30	50	75	100	200	300	500	700	800	1000
01A CH#													
27.66 0	110312	-88694	-88694	-68529	-44328	---	0	11031	11031	-22174	-11031	-33261	-11031
21.96 1	135228	-60374	-60374	-44328	-60374	---	0	-22174	---	0	-27718	-38853	-16630
17.43 2	135228	-66529	-47143	141321	-80382	-30484	-22174	13859	-41577	-47143	-11031	-16630	-13859
13.83 3	133038	101173	-65137	144133	-87311	-29153	19402	13244	-24448	-34627	-22174	-22174	-22174
10.98 4	124782	-121	-67938	113938	-76222	-18078	13168	18789	-31279	19402	-13168	13168	-11031
8.71 5	149336	138336	-81723	126197	-90493	-23217	-13397	10340	-25262	-20789	-12126	-10740	-13572
6.92 6	129527	122474	105328	154883	118826	-23133	-19226	15097	-23639	-24822	-14082	-7423	-10693
5.49 7	106227	116281	101328	146122	136367	-23628	13158	13597	-21489	-16357	-16188	-8892	-12423
4.36 8	-92138	-92382	-83833	127916	114232	-24388	14317	11608	19402	-15027	-14241	-8089	-9215
3.46 9	-74361	-74361	-74361	107168	106829	-21241	-14248	11260	-16322	-17811	-13627	-7983	-8423
2.74 10	-71332	-42481	-58261	-78162	-84777	-18897	-13023	-9897	-14243	81740	-12337	-7227	-8294
2.18 11	101208	-37137	-13349	-68437	-14888	-15629	-11031	-1839	-11803	49373	-10379	-1983	-13881
1.73 12	123412	-12927	-21719	-12223	-65384	-19245	-1809	-3169	-10893	88168	-3232	-1292	-5876
1.37 13	138329	-89895	114838	-50659	109198	-29819	-18251	-15889	-28127	82424	-15998	-13298	-15638
TOTAL VOL (CM 0-13) IN 2ML SW	1715394	1170369	1077519	1502520	1239102	258205	218821	161176	316125	3239664	219951	137246	144601
UNCERT(1)	128940	102657	95740	114846	93268	28111	45797	32150	58244	62325	49973	32082	26458

COULTER COUNTER DATA SHIP R/V ACANIA
STATION E-1 , 1515 HRS PST, 36 DEG 47.0 MIN N, 122 DEG 14.7 MIN W, 16 JAN 75
PARTICLE DIAMETERS IN MICRONS, VOLUMES IN CUBIC MICRONS PER 2ML SEAWATER SAMPLE

-P-A-R-T-I-C-L-E-E-R-C-O-U-N-T-													
SAMPLE DEPTH IN METERS	0	10	20	30	50	75	100	200	300	400	500		
01A CH#													
27.66 0	277182	177348	-55436	-66529	-22174	11031	---	0	11031	-33261	-33261	-33261	
21.96 1	177348	133028	-44328	-22174	-3543	---	0	11031	-44328	-3543	-3543	-11031	
17.43 2	157492	-83132	-33261	-27718	-16630	-16630	16630	-27718	-13859	-8313	-13859	-13859	
13.83 3	128838	110872	-66529	-30484	-31873	-9707	13244	-27718	-16630	-22174	-15244	-15244	
10.98 4	116336	-89328	-58267	-50533	-18736	-8313	13597	-22862	-8313	-12479	-16630	-16630	
8.71 5	129233	-68357	-69533	-73743	-21487	-13168	11783	-26332	-13639	-16224	-14236	-14236	
6.92 6	165228	126174	106121	104832	-24239	10740	-12126	-25269	-12813	-12813	-15244	-15244	
5.49 7	135309	133321	123822	124822	-26366	13597	-10372	-22174	-14236	-14849	-17487	-17487	
4.36 8	121336	127916	124168	127936	-32486	-20138	-9224	-16333	-17589	-14238	-13859	-13859	
3.46 9	-97777	-92170	113753	136129	-38328	-38328	-5338	-14842	-16183	-13782	-15609	-15609	
2.74 10	-84342	-65883	-45778	124333	-34371	-34371	-8629	-13531	-17598	-14237	-14237	-14237	
2.18 11	121289	-48343	-13147	119733	-36127	-38727	-1423	-16233	-17228	-15927	-14237	-14237	
1.73 12	135920	-18926	-63133	139329	-67431	-67431	-6124	-3382	-18423	-6321	-13222	-13222	
1.37 13	141263	-85297	-62173	125998	-93328	-93328	-18266	-24233	-34162	-14143	-36261	-36261	
TOTAL VOL (CM 0-13) IN 2ML SW	2023318	1397861	1124790	1254031	450129	351411	153472	296806	240469	206034	240046		
UNCERT(1)	151986	126259	64319	79075	48501	32155	28838	54580	45735	45007	48727		

Figure 19. Station Data Tables (from Reference 6)

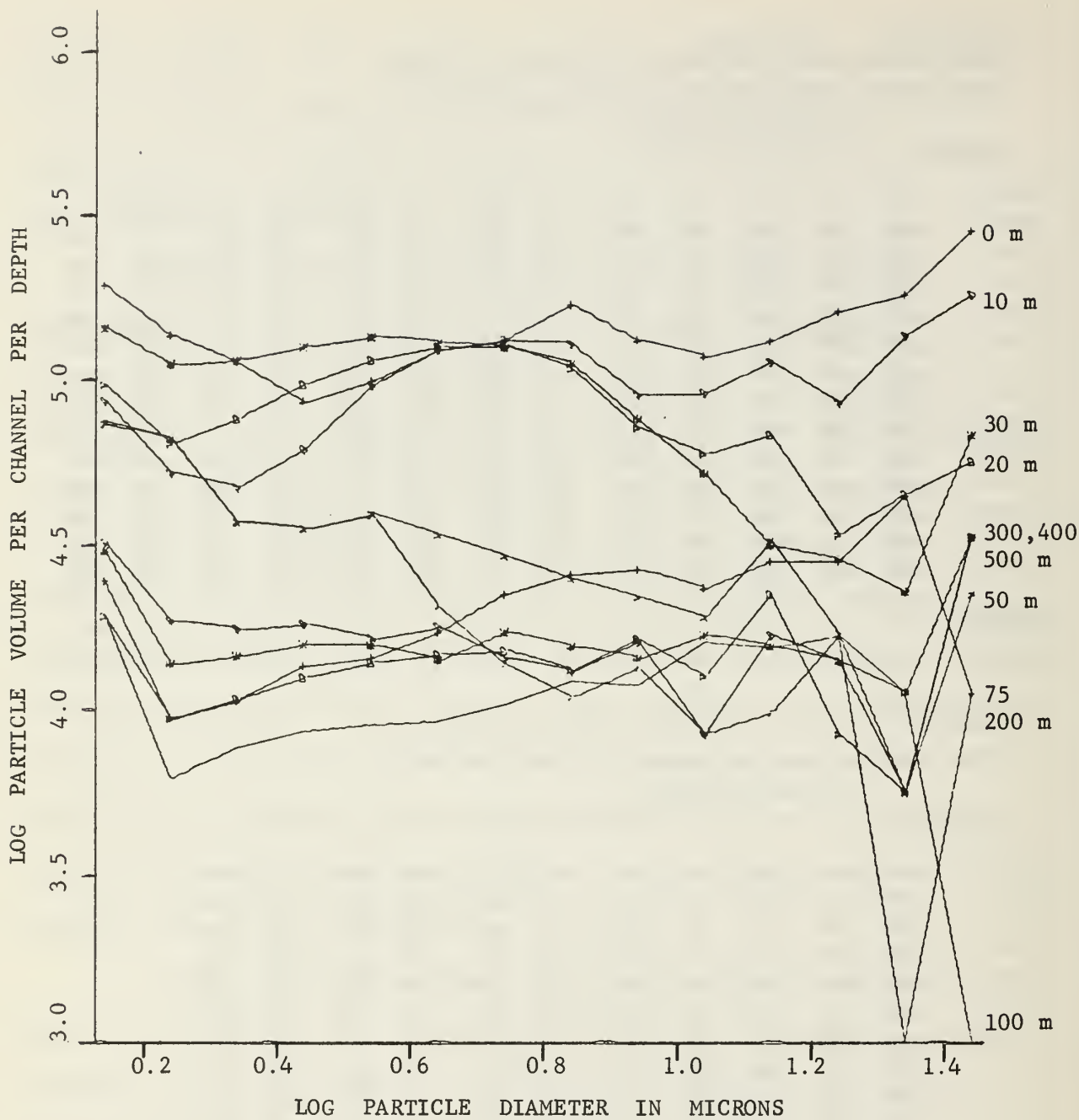


Figure 20. Type 1, Station E-1, Cruise 14 to 17 January 1975

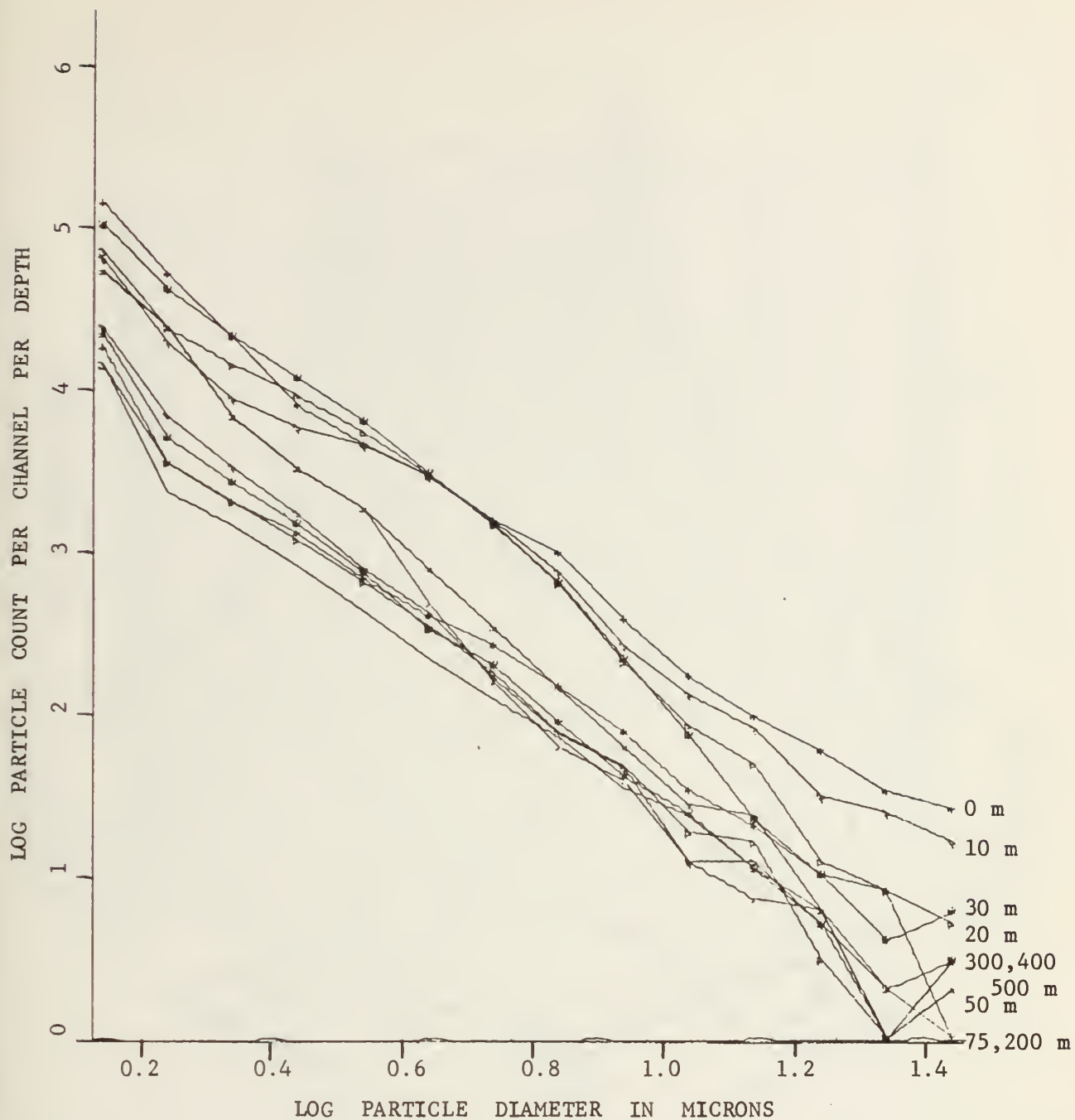


Figure 21. Type 2, Station E-1, Cruise 14 to 17 January 1975

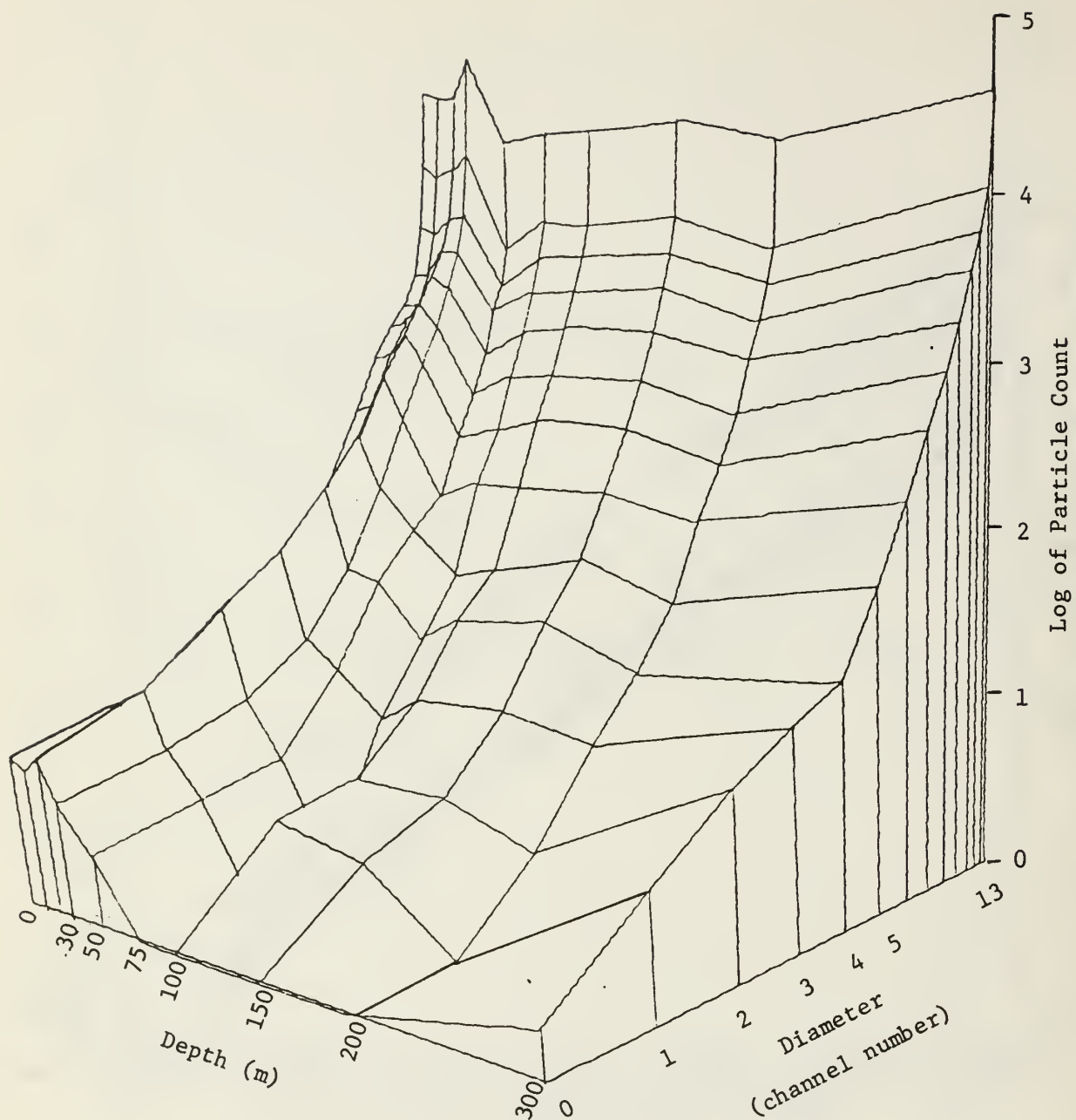


Figure 22. Type 3, Station A-6, Cruise 14 to 17 January 1975

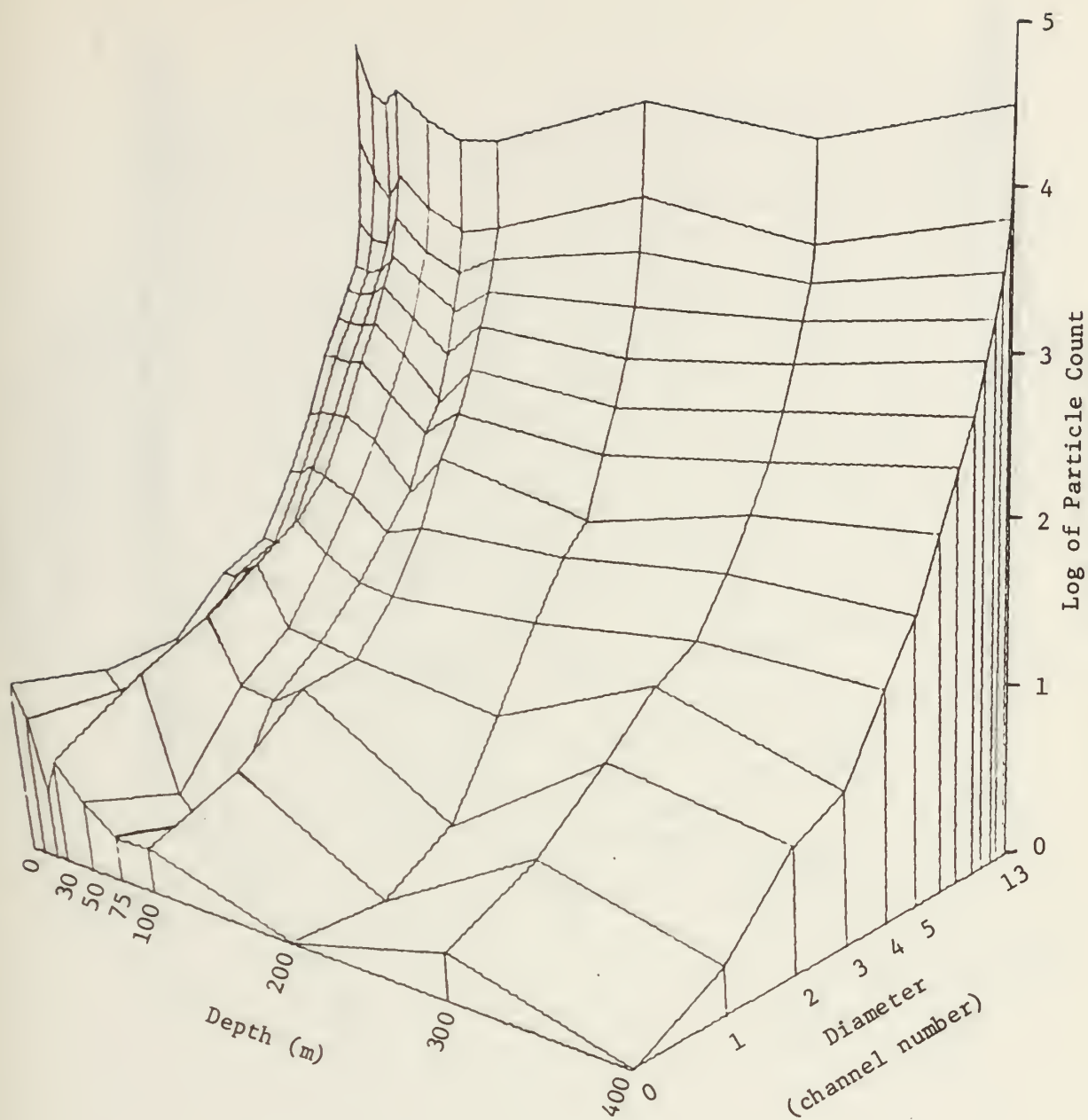


Figure 23. Type 3, Station B-6, Cruise 14 to 17 January 1975

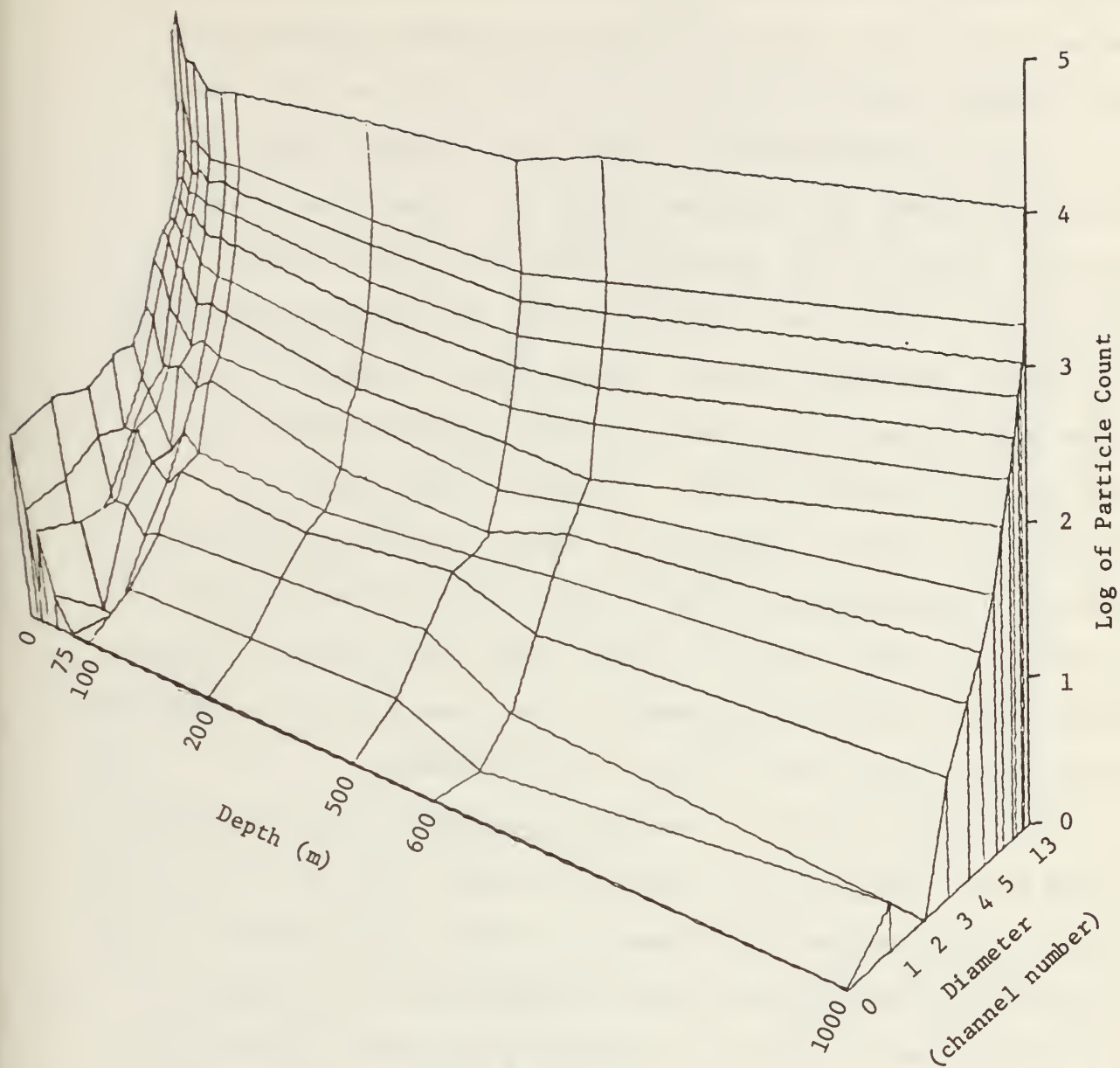


Figure 25. Type 3, Station G-7, Cruise 14 to 17 January 1975

size ranges corresponding to channels 11, 12 and 13 do not occur until 30 m. Very high particle counts indicated for the surface layer of station G-7 (Figure 25) are the result of a density trap caused by a very low relative value for salinity between the surface and 10 m. This anomaly was noted to exist at all stations along the G line and at stations C-2, C-3, D-3, and E-1. The cause of this phenomena is unknown but may be linked to the Ekman transport of less dense surface water shoreward which is characteristic of the Davidson Current Period. Graphs for stations C-3 (Figure 24) and G-7 (Figure 25) appear slightly different because a new scaling factor had to be introduced to allow plotting of depths down to 1000 m. As was pointed out above, these Type 3 graphs also seem to tend toward stable background count levels as a depth of 100 m is exceeded.

Unlike the Type 4 section graphs for station lines A and B for the earlier cruise, the plots for the 14 to 17 January 1975 cruise do not seem to reflect the canyon topography or the shallow water at each end of the section lines (Figures 26 and 27). However it is seen that the line A plots (0 and 10 m) show much more variability from station to station and for different particle diameters than do the line B plots. Reasons for this are unclear but a closer proximity to the shoreline and the discharges from the Salinas River, Elkhorn Slough, and Pajaro River are probably contributing factors.

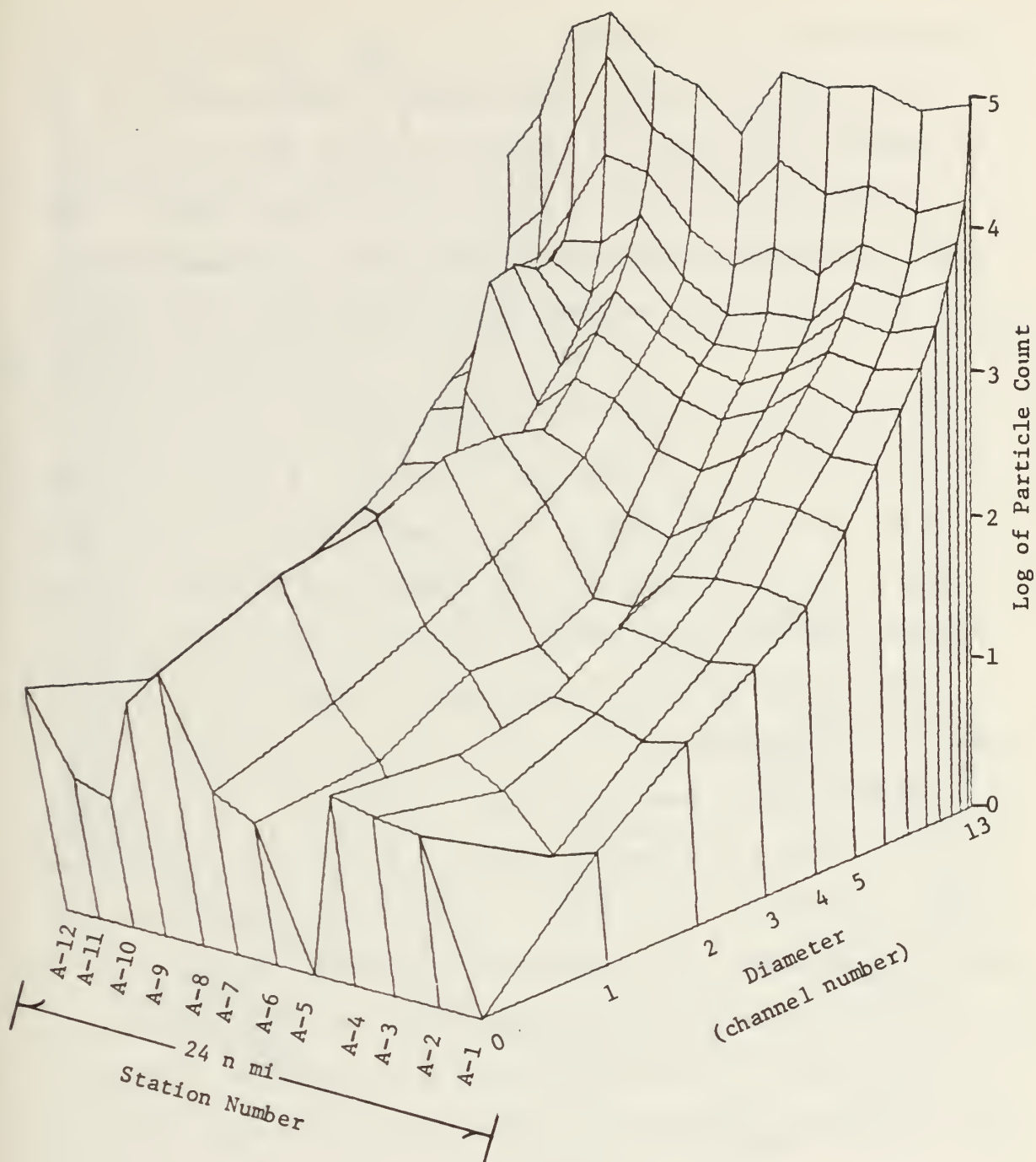


Figure 26. Type 4, Line A, 0 m, Cruise 14 to 17 January 1975

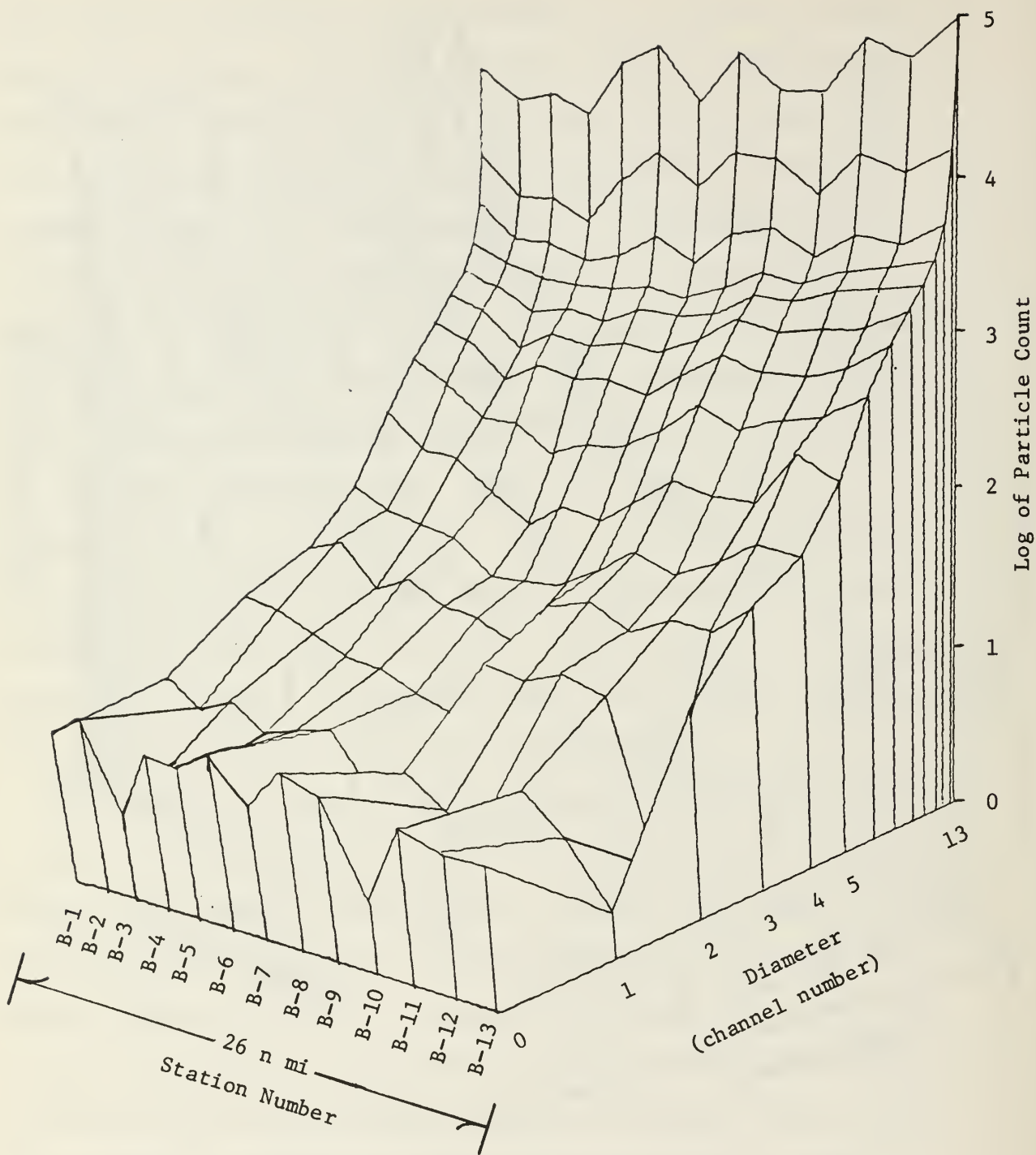


Figure 27. Type 4, Line B, 0 m, Cruise 14 to 17 January 1975

Sections E and G do not appear to be very different for the two northern cruises, but there does seem to be a tendency for the seaward stations of the January cruise to have higher counts in the channels which correspond to larger diameters. The density anomaly created by the low surface salinity already mentioned may possibly be the cause of this condition.

It is also interesting to note the large peak for channels 12 to 2 at station E-5; this is indicated by both the Type 4 and 5 surface curves for the E section. The Type 4 graph at 10 m completely lacks this feature and is a good illustration of how localized and variable particle distributions for this area can be (Figures 28 and 29).

Approximately 71% of the values observed for C fell in the 2.4 to 3.1 range, and all but two of the variant values were confined to an area extending parallel to the coast through stations E-7, F-1 and G-1 (Figure 30). Four of the variant values are associated with stations E-7 and F-1, which show very large concentrations of particles at a depth of 30 m. Values for C and K at 30 m for these two stations were among the highest encountered during the four cruises.

In general the average values for K observed for this cruise were similar to those observed for the same stations during the Oceanic Period but extreme values were significantly higher. Average values for K fell in the 50 to 300

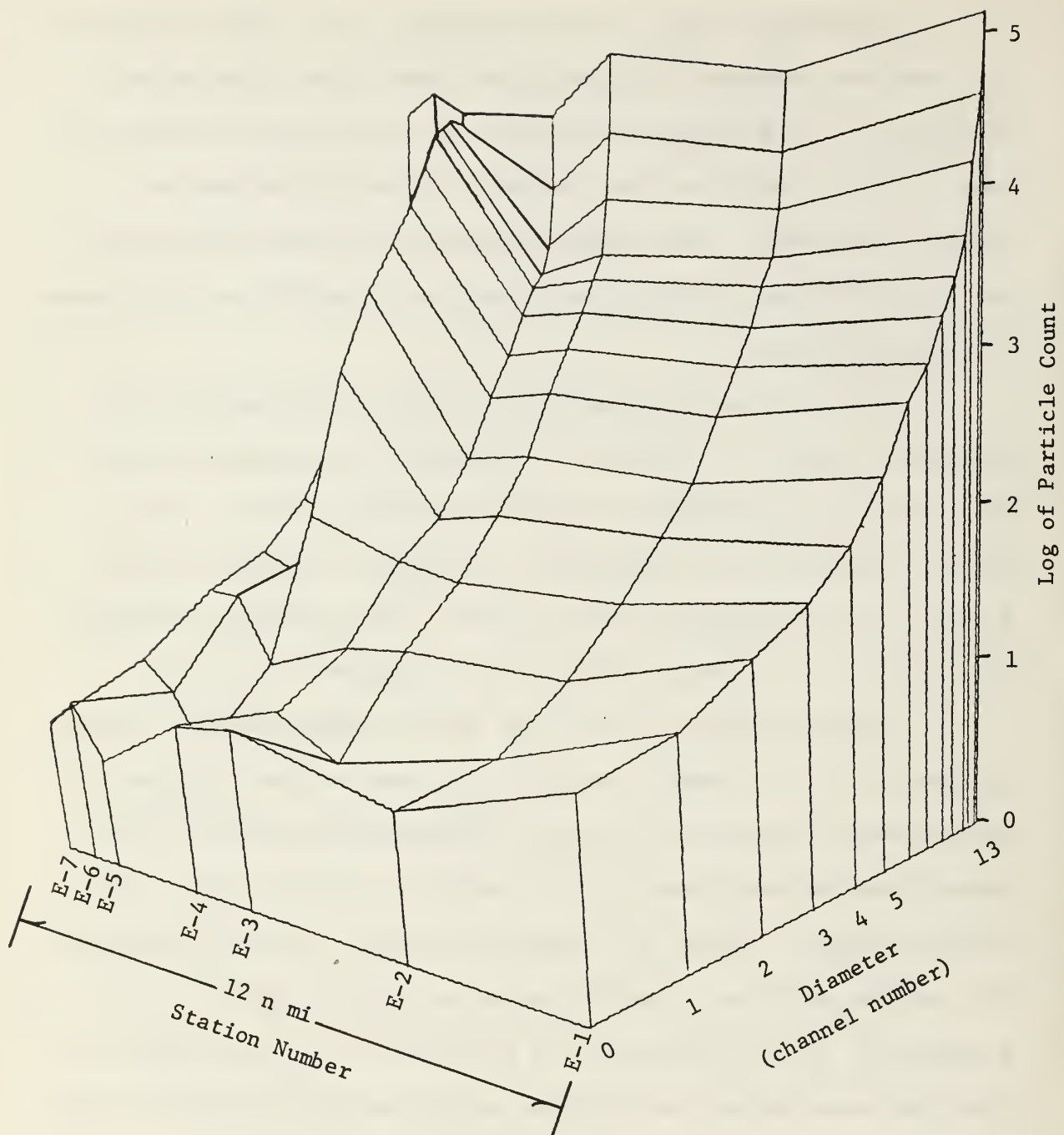


Figure 28. Type 4, Line E, 0 m, Cruise 14 to 17 January 1975

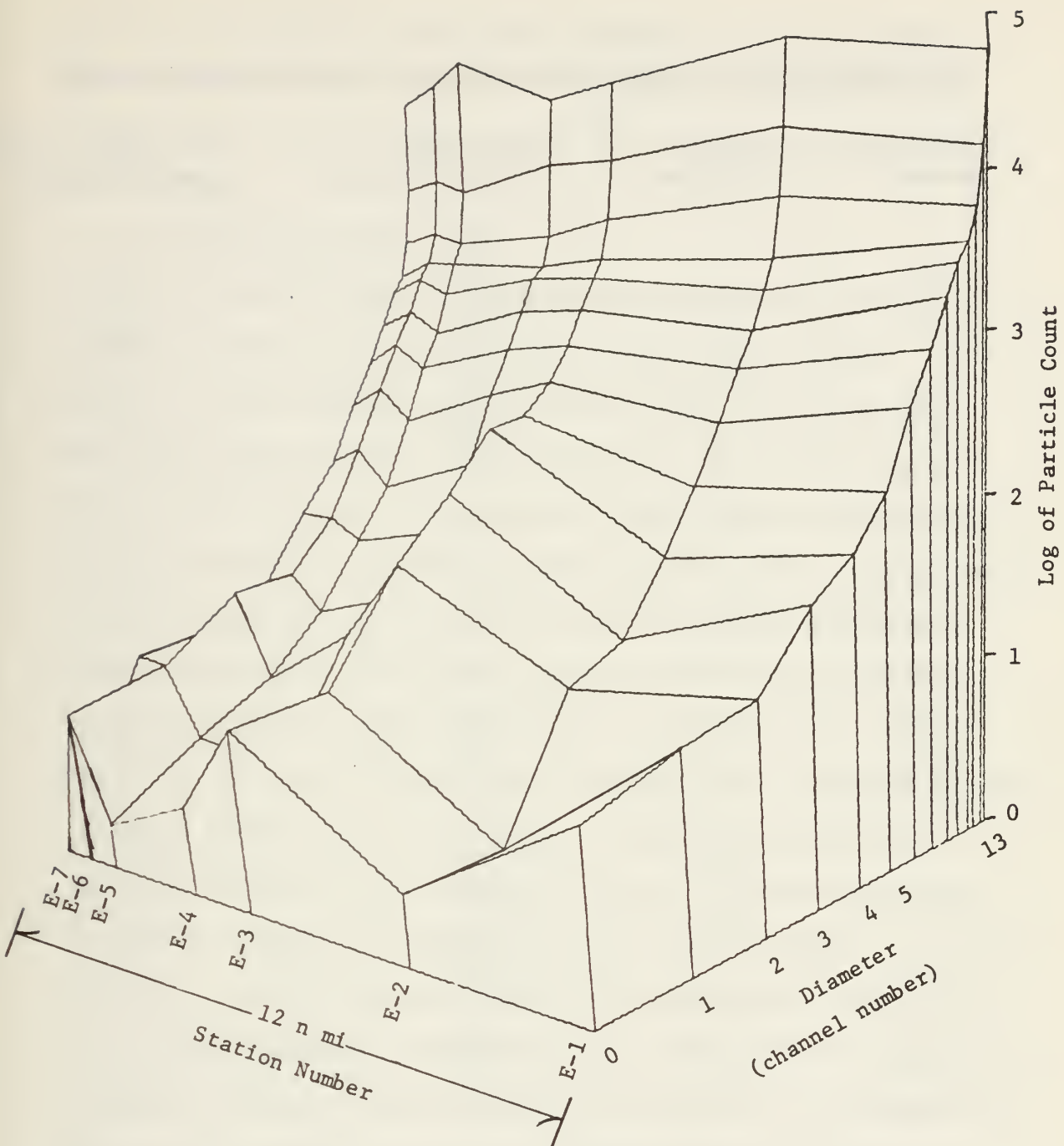


Figure 29. Type 4, Line E, 10 m, Cruise 14 to 17 January 1975

Observed C and K Values for Cruise 14 to 17 January 1975

Station Number	Depth (meters)	Slope (C) (count/micron)	K value ($\times 10^3$) (particles/ml)
A-1	30	3.08	113
A-2	0	3.00	145
A-3	0	2.36	91
	75	2.66	85
A-6	0	2.54	85
A-10	10	2.76	513
B-1	0	2.20	96
B-4	10	2.40	59
B-7	0	2.54	58
B-10	0	2.94	133
B-12	10	2.84	222
B-13	0	2.44	103
C-3	0	2.88	321
E-1	0	3.08	256
E-4	0	2.10	59
E-7	0	2.50	83
	30	4.50	2890
F-1	0	2.00	48
	30	4.48	1900
G-1	0	2.00	81
	30	2.62	277
G-4	0	2.36	112
G-5	0	2.36	102
G-7	0	2.64	76

Figure 30

$\times 10^3$ particles/ml region with extremes as high as 2800 $\times 10^3$ particles/ml. It is also to be noted that maximum values for K often appear below the surface at depths from 10 to 30 m.

3. 15 to 18 March 1974

Figure 31 is a sketch of the horizontal profile of surface temperatures encountered during this cruise. An area of strong upwelling is centered just off Point Sur, but unfortunately only one particulate data station (C-1) was located in this area. Station data tables and the Type 1 graphs seem to indicate an even larger number (and volume) of particles were present during this upwelling period cruise than were indicated by the two previous northern cruises conducted during the Oceanic and Davidson Current Periods. As has been noted by Margalef [11], largest concentrations tend to be around rather than in the center of the most fertile (i.e. upwelled) spots. As was generally shown in the Type 1 graphs of the 27 to 31 October 73 cruise, the Type 1 graphs of this cruise also show that the thermocline is at a depth corresponding to the depths for diverging cumulative volume curves. XBT data confirm the thermocline location as generally varying between depths of 20 to 40 m. At the one station (C-1) centered in the upwelling region the water column was isothermal (9.2 to 9.5 °C) to the bottom (50 m).

Type 3 graphs were plotted for ten stations, E-10, E-15, E-20, E-25, E-30, B*25, G-15, G-20, G-25, and G-30.

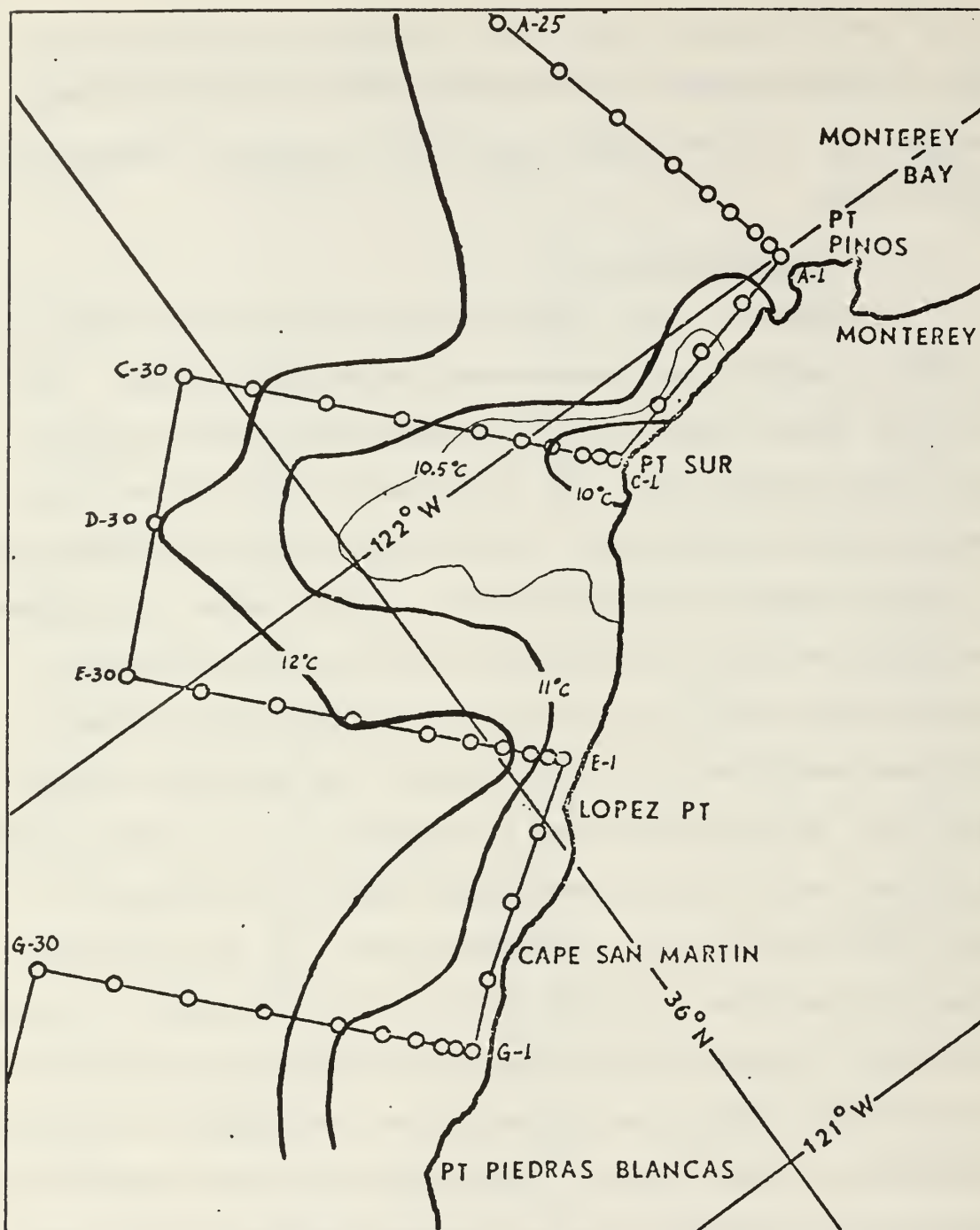


Figure 31. Horizontal Temperature Profile,
Cruise 15 to 18 April 1974

In general these graphs agree quite closely with those presented for the October 1973 cruise. Large particle counts are indicated for the full size range of particles at depths which correspond to the pycnocline depth (Figures 32 and 33). As before the number of large particles per unit volume decreases with increasing depths. Counts for smaller diameter particles usually peak at or above the thermocline depth and are relatively constant below that level. High particle counts for large diameters indicated at shallow depths for stations G-20 and G-25 are probably indicative of a phytoplankton bloom (Figures 34, 35 and 36).

Figures 37, 38, 39 and 40 are Type 4 graphs for sections E and G for depths of 0 and 10 m. The most notable feature of these plots is the increased particle count in channel 0 (largest diameter). Every one of the stations at both depths for both sections illustrates an increase in the number of largest particles in channel 0 over the count for channel 1. This is quite opposed to the normal occurrence of particulate matter in the ocean and may have been caused by a large concentration of phytoplankton of a size very close to that of channel 0 existing in this oceanic section. Also of note is the generally stable particle count for each size range for all stations in the section. These are some of the most uniform spacial distributions encountered during any of the four cruises.

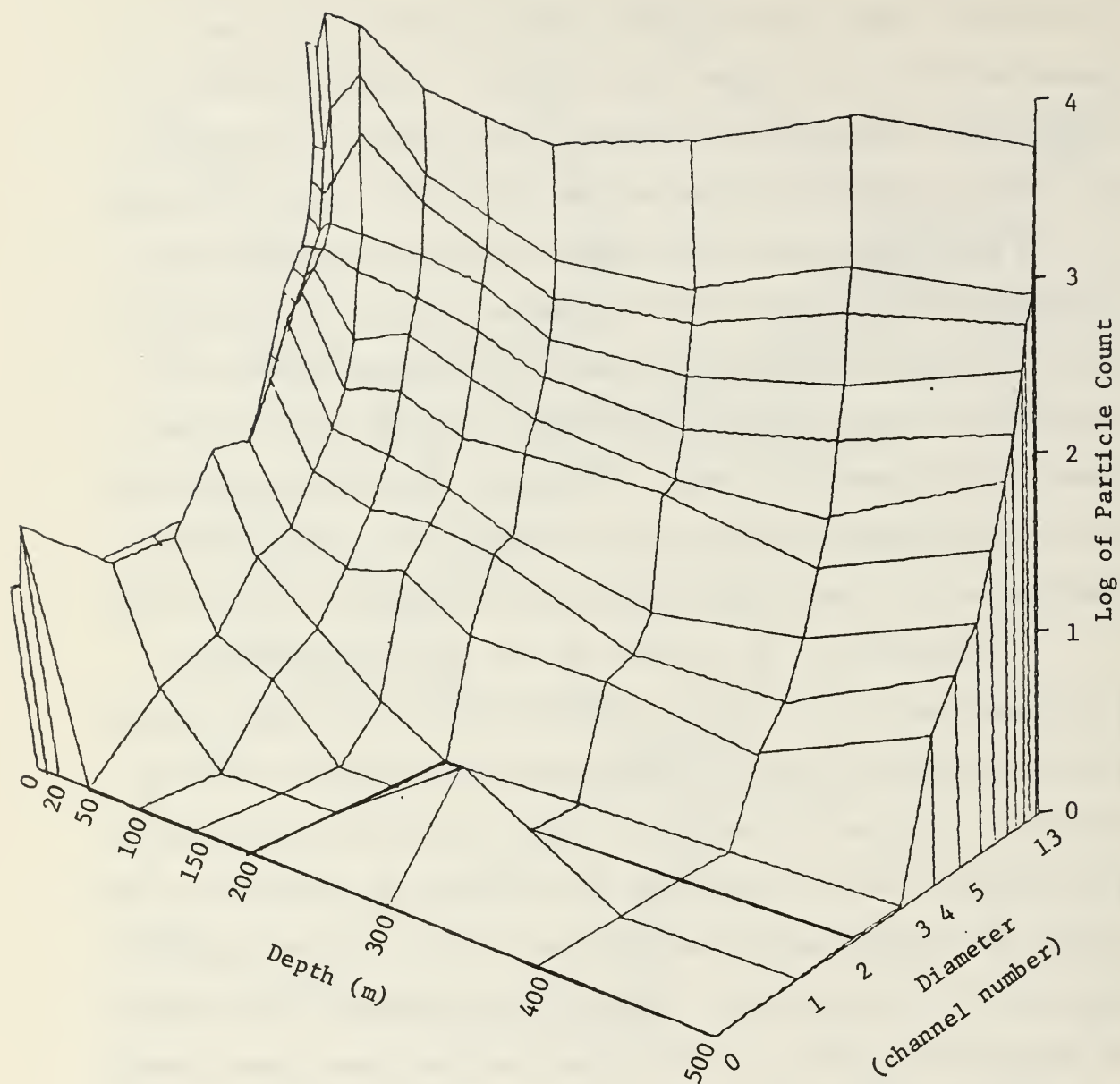


Figure 32. Type 3, Station E-10, Cruise 15 to 18 April 1974

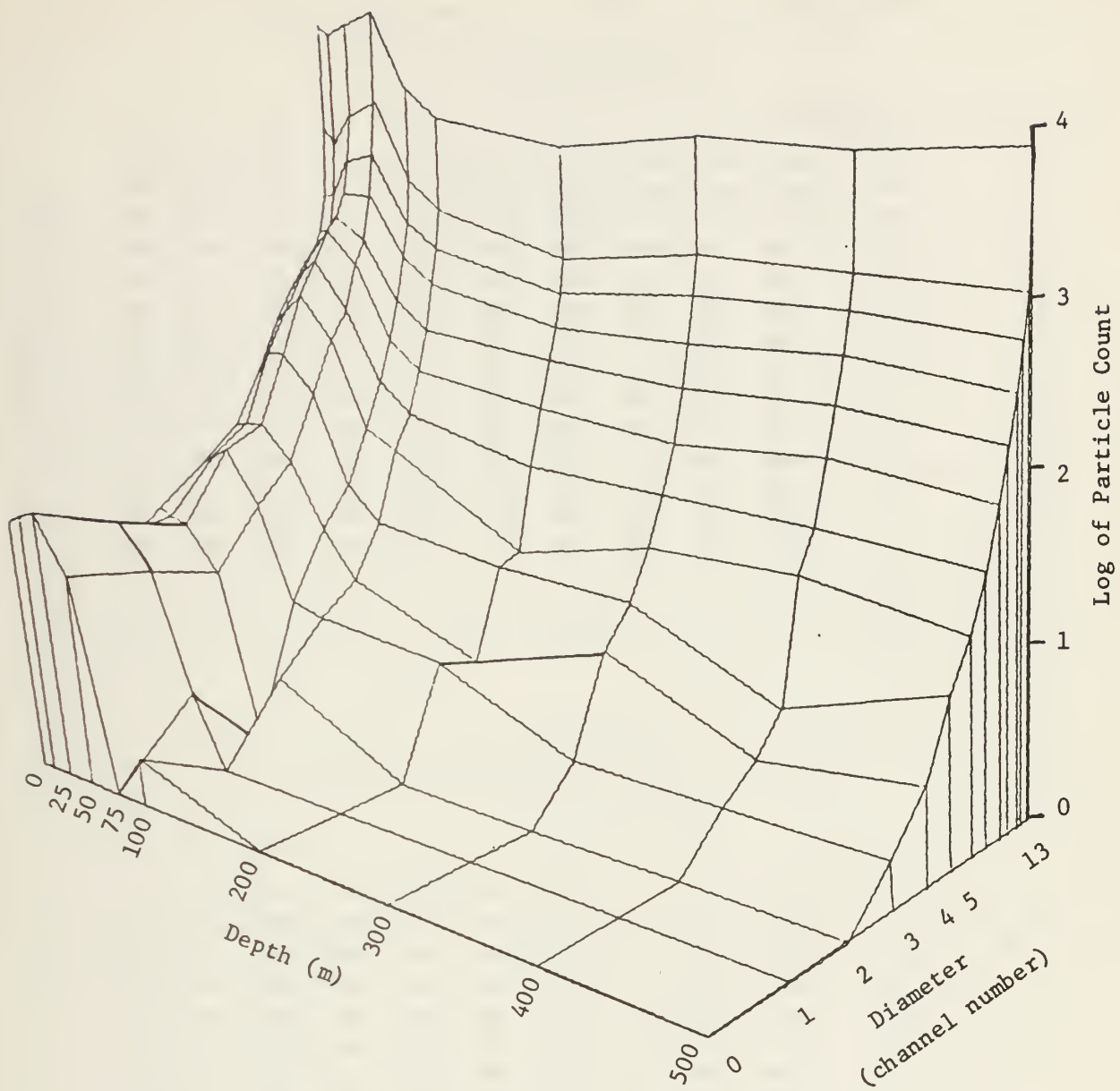


Figure 33. Type 3, Station B*25, Cruise 15 to 18 April 1974

COULTER COUNTER DATA SHIP R/V ACANIA
 STATION G20 , 1745 HRS PDT, 35 DEG 32.8 MIN N, 121 DEG 39.8 MIN W, 18 APRIL 74
 PARTICLE DIAMETERS IN MICRONS, VOLUMES IN CUBIC MICRONS PER 2ML SEAWATER SAMPLE

		-P-O-L-Y-T-E-C-B-E-R-C-O-L-U-M-I-N-Q-U-Y-									
SAMPLE DEPTH IN METERS		0	10	20	50	100	150	200	300	400	500
DIA	CH#										
27.66	0	853777	665290	23248877	93227638	113842	-22174	-11087	-11087	-22174	-88699
21.96	1	199589	260529	909184	3237283	-77618	-16633	-----8	-11087	-16538	-60979
17.43	2	-99784	110872	313213	856287	-52664	-13853	-8314	-5543	-27718	-52664
13.83	3	-67989	-92887	156606	271636	-49892	-19452	-5543	-13859	-16538	-22174
10.98	4	-40884	-77618	116418	106821	-24928	-15224	-3444	-8318	-20788	-18016
8.71	5	-53490	-68428	130367	-81235	-48149	-12479	-5167	-10728	-11433	-12479
6.92	6	-84999	-83347	108245	-56124	-73274	-12813	-9088	-10380	-9038	-7182
5.49	7	-84939	-82888	-71888	-41499	-54923	-9787	-7489	-7788	-10349	-10229
4.36	8	-54220	-52639	-50149	-68272	-41486	-11733	-8337	-8878	-8833	-9028
3.46	9	-35525	-35278	-93273	-73319	-41208	-12424	-9333	-8283	-8813	-9614
2.74	10	-27792	-26692	291515	161329	-30522	-11883	-8586	-5798	-8472	-8878
2.18	11	-23824	-24524	184788	218892	-17329	-10824	-16872	-1465	-1453	-1823
1.73	12	-26789	-28398	-86840	-32113	-14018	-3718	-2664	-2298	-7884	-7883
1.37	13	-80579	-53723	-56402	178899	-32739	-15673	-19868	-13368	-12424	-12483
TOTAL VOL (CH 0-13) IN 2ML SW		1720387	1671736	25792736	85590960	659812	192621	104257	131405	189413	329180
UNCERT(±)		177064	175326	651797	1170357	93788	46514	25474	35524	48646	76904

COULTER COUNTER DATA SHIP R/V ACANIA
 STATION G25 , 1553 HRS POT, 35 DEG 29.7 MIN N, 121 DEG 44.5 MIN W, 18 APRIL 74
 PARTICLE DIAMETERS IN MICRONS, VOLUMES IN CUBIC MICRONS PER 2ML SEAWATER SAMPLE

		-P-O-L-Y-T-E-C-B-E-R-C-O-L-U-M-I-N-Q-U-Y-									
SAMPLE DEPTH IN METERS		0	10	20	50	100	150	200	300	400	500
DIA	CH#										
27.66	0	798279	820433	3758333	12938963	5984678	-----8	-11087	-22174	-77618	-11087
21.96	1	182933	133049	-94247	449081	221742	-27718	-5543	-5543	-16638	-----8
17.43	2	-94247	-77618	-63751	213477	127502	-8313	-13859	-16638	-19452	-2771
13.83	3	-81768	-42962	-12479	171831	110872	-9707	-11087	-27718	-2771	-2771
10.98	4	-47128	-43693	-27039	138377	-78683	-10362	-11087	-20788	-3464	-4159
8.71	5	-41130	-61678	-18012	147968	-75977	-9334	-8318	-13126	-1386	-3118
6.92	6	-74223	-71288	-16171	140842	-82174	-9874	-7623	-7422	-3882	-5838
5.49	7	-60897	-64244	-13428	-77823	-55839	-9787	-7882	-7926	-4679	-4637
4.36	8	-44339	-88318	-11646	-57331	-41273	-7882	-7333	-10647	-4193	-4679
3.46	9	-33884	-63266	-15649	-72393	-25688	-7883	-7398	-9359	-4858	-5638
2.74	10	-26627	-52977	-12889	-91139	-20831	-8738	-8037	-8873	-3093	-4458
2.18	11	-24897	-43174	-13789	-48978	-13577	-6337	-1099	-1687	-4878	-4498
1.73	12	-13573	183499	-14267	-13233	-28842	-2537	-2262	-2723	-1468	-1394
1.37	13	-84389	245825	-18859	-27849	-18736	-18827	-18838	-16380	-10493	-10828
TOTAL VOL (CH 0-13) IN 2ML SW		1625284	2254470	4076398	14668683	6909922	131855	125393	184699	163754	68182
UNCERT(±)		171853	166777	255765	498068	345389	29293	34921	43996	53324	21615

Figure 34. Station Data Tables (from Reference 6)

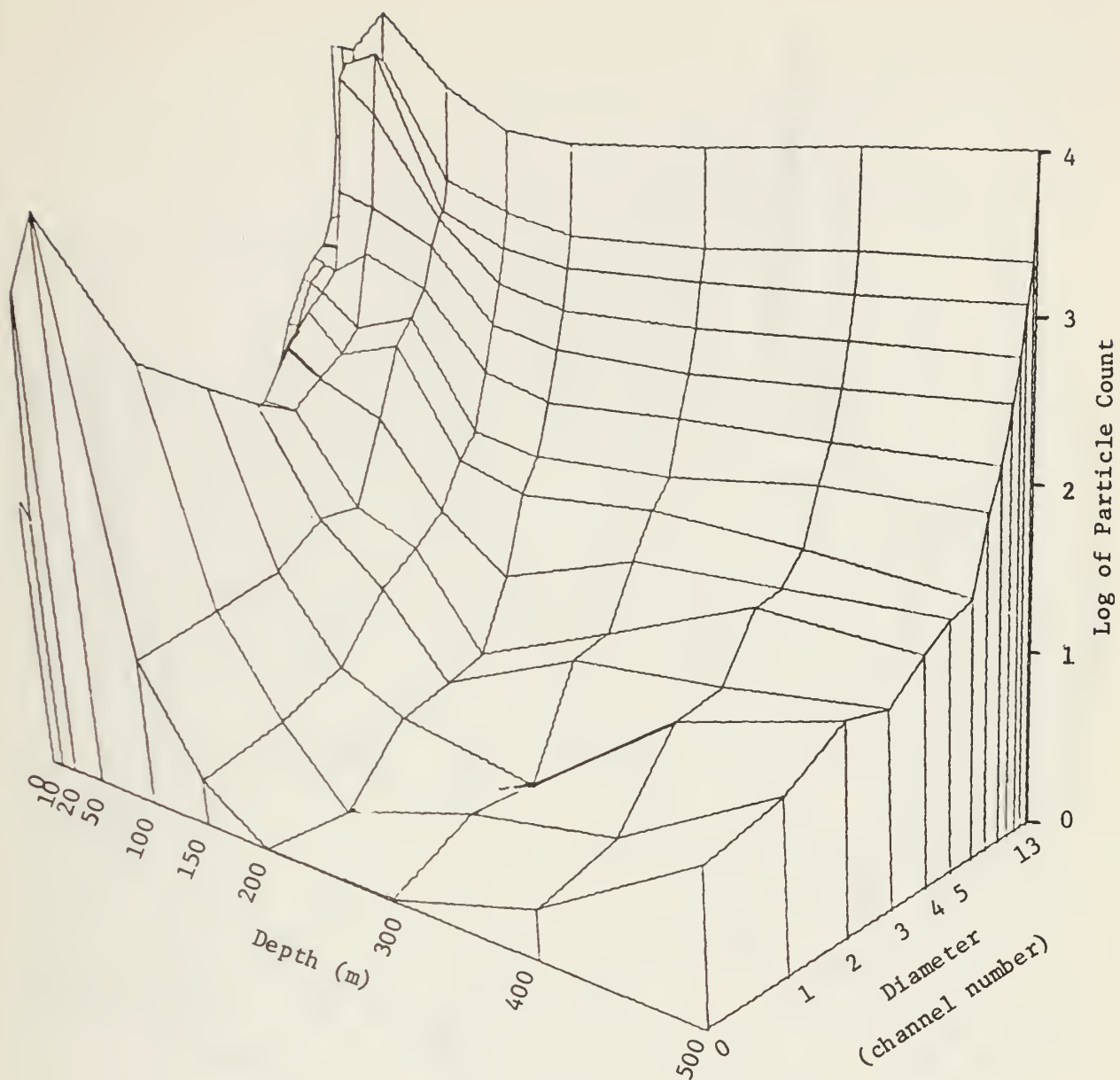


Figure 35. Type 3, Station G-20, Cruise 15 to 18 April 1974

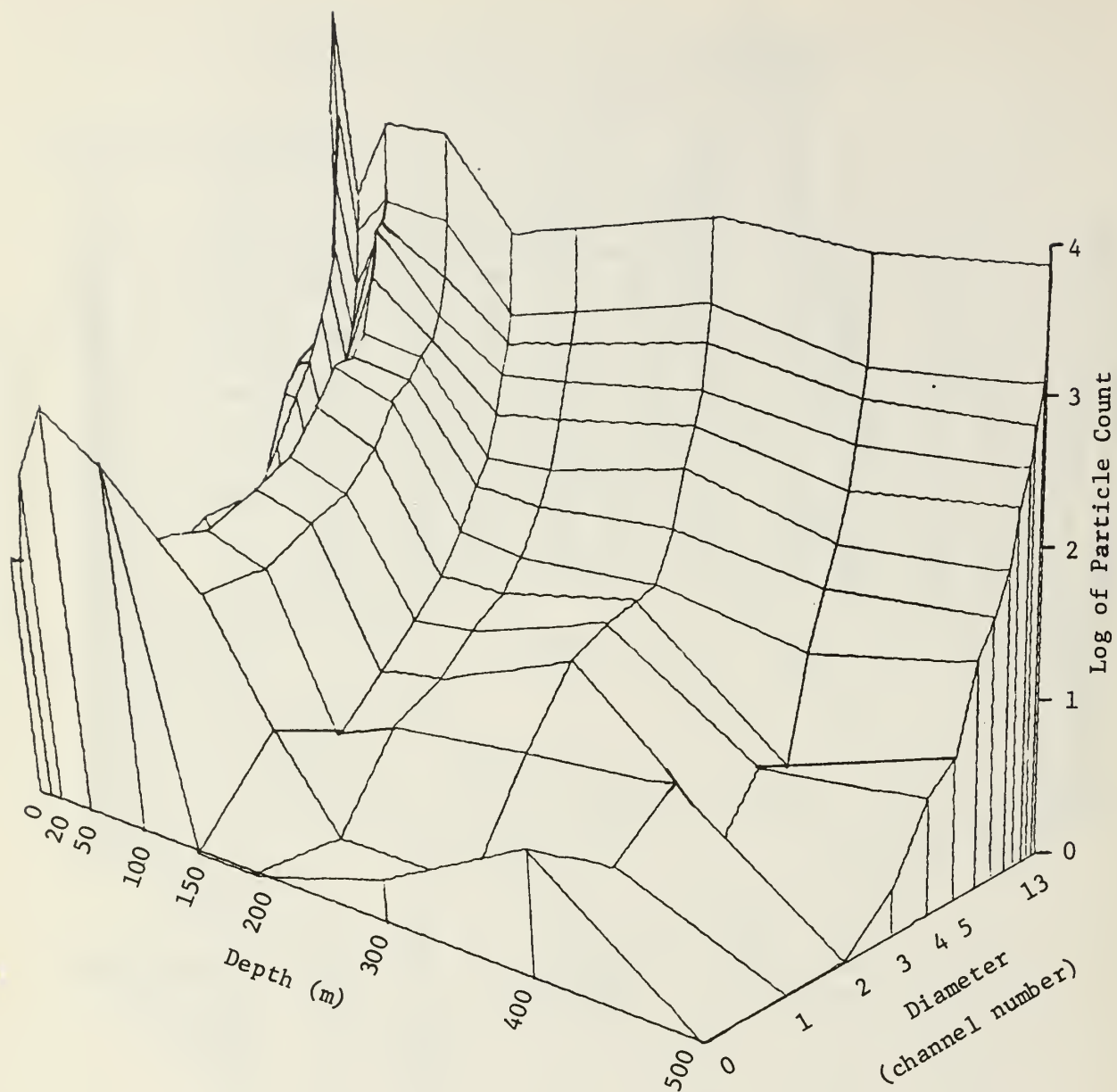


Figure 36. Type 3, Station G-25, Cruise 15 to 18 April 1974

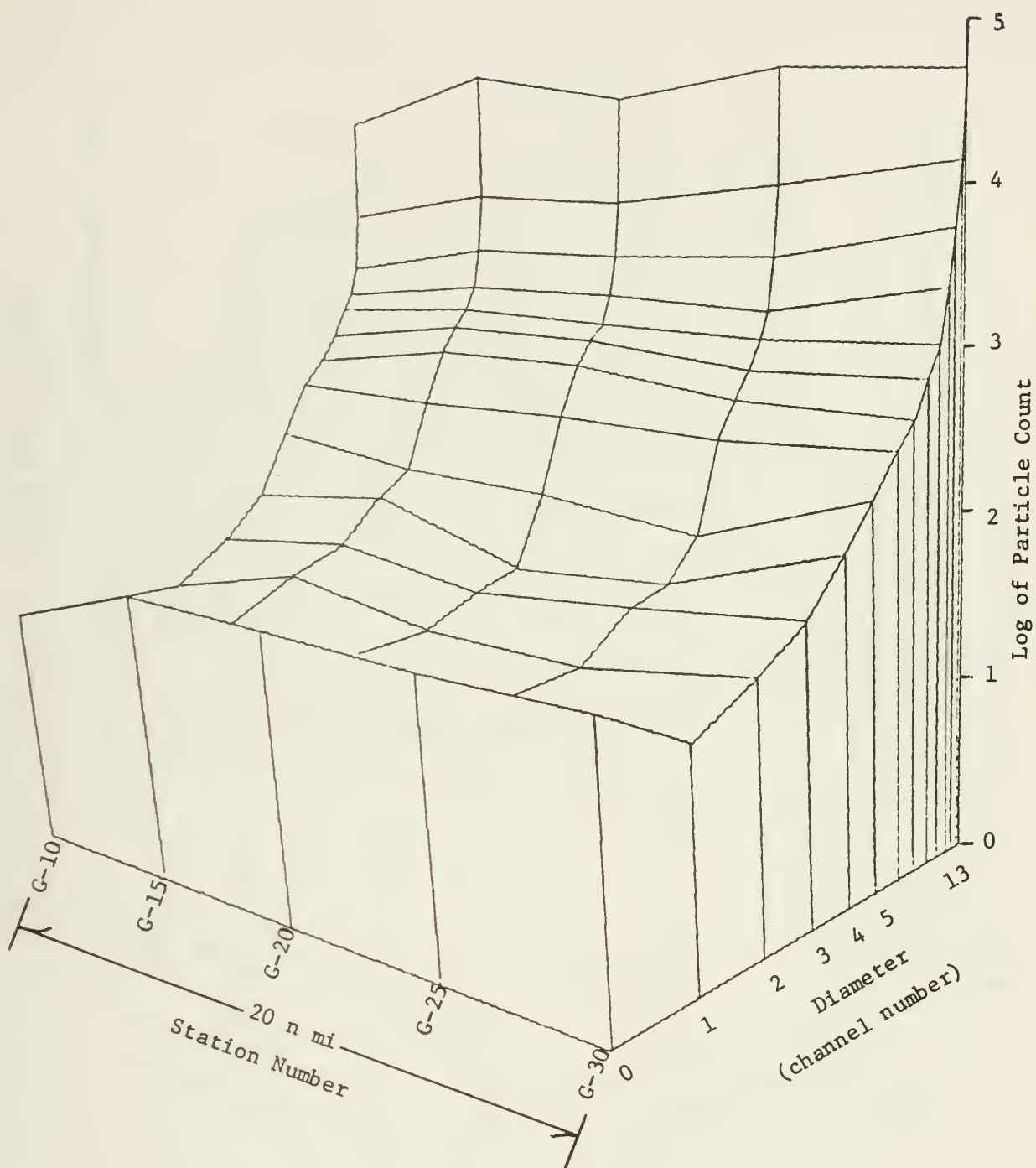


Figure 37. Type 4, Line G, 0 m, Cruise 15 to 18 April 1974

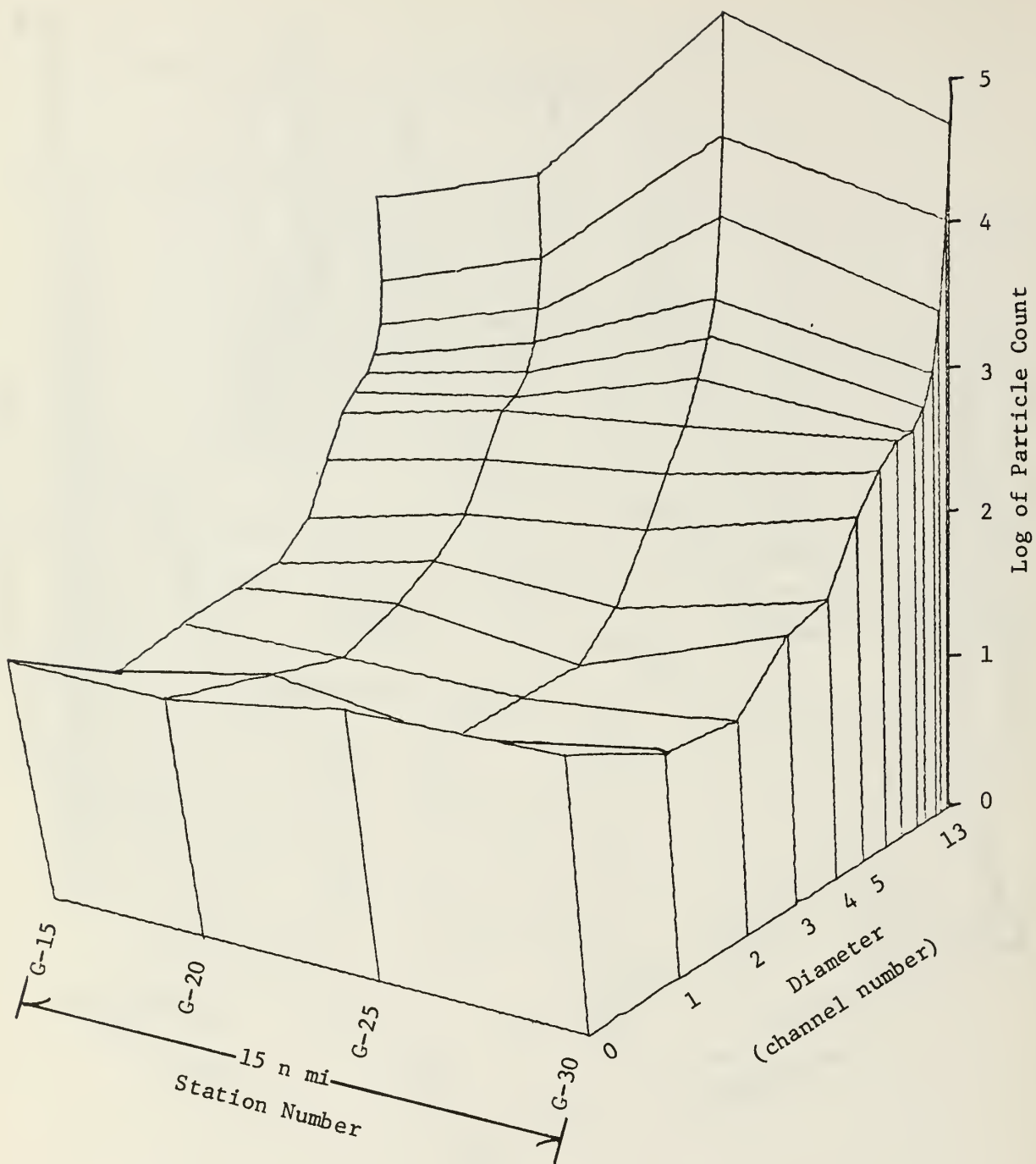


Figure 38. Type 4, Line G, 10 m, Cruise 15 to 18 April 1974

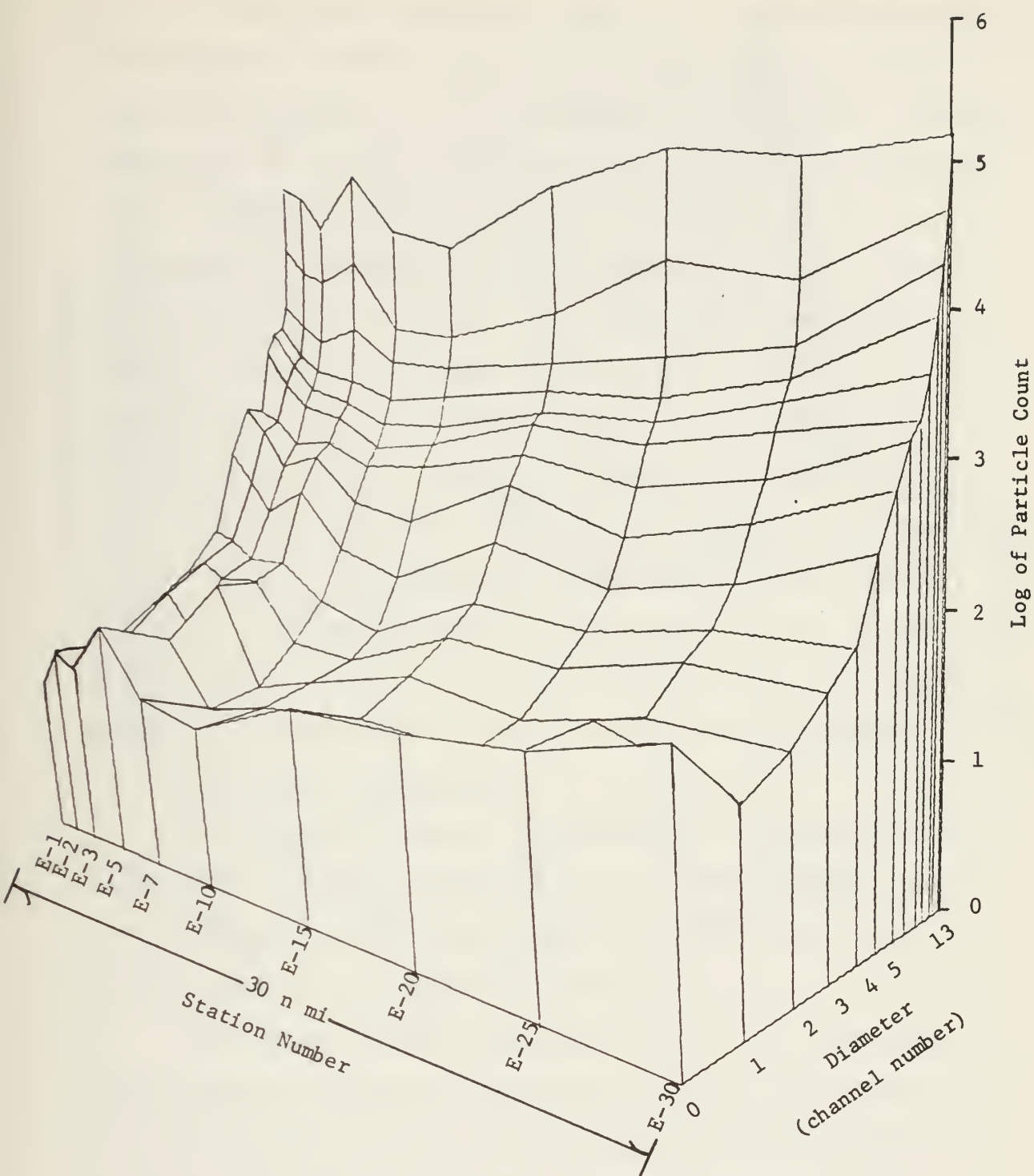


Figure 39. Type 4, Line E, 0 m, Cruise 15 to 18 April 1974

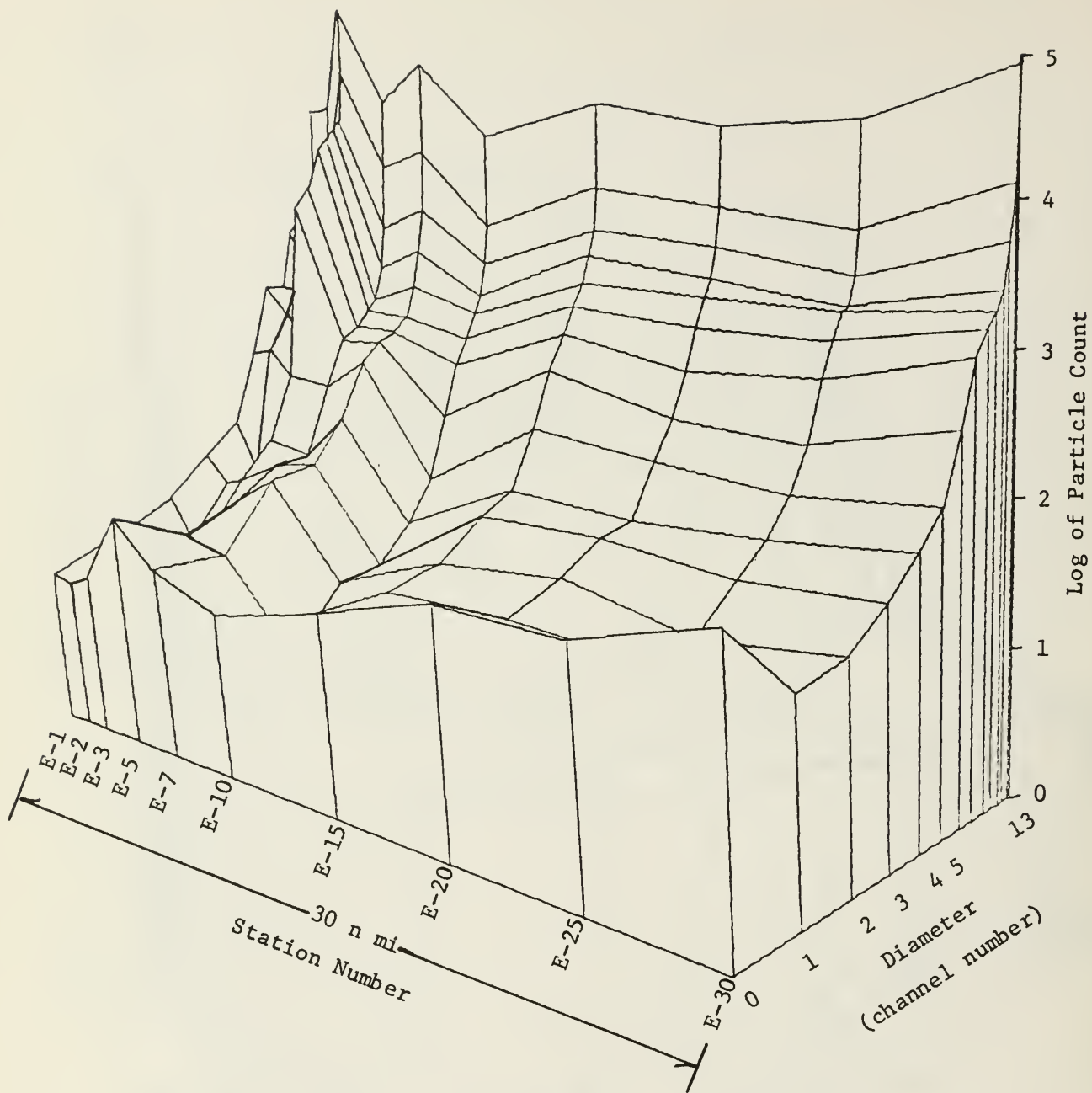


Figure 40. Type 4, Line E, 10 m, Cruise 14 to 18 April 1974

The table of observed values of C and K is presented as Figure 41. These values probably represent the most distinctive feature of this upwelling period cruise. Values for C were the lowest encountered for any cruise with 50% of them falling in the 1.58 to 2.28 range. All but one of the remaining values fell in the range observed by Gordon [7] (i.e. from 2.4 to 3.1). At 11 stations two values were computed for C, and in every instance but one (station C-15) the shallow water values were in the 1.58 to 2.28 range, and the deep water values were in the 2.4 to 3.1 range.

This cruise also exhibited the lowest average values for K. Ninety-three per cent of the values fell between 10 and 73×10^3 particles/ml. The highest value of 137×10^3 particles/ml was far below the previous maxima. As noted before K values showed a definite decrease with depth.

4. 17 to 21 January 1975

Prevailing oceanic conditions for this cruise were found to be unaltered from the 14 to 17 January 1975 cruise. A deep mixed layer at approximately 11.5 °C was present at all stations to a depth of at least 50 m.

The Type 1 graphs generally follow the horizontal line-constant volume hypothesis for all but the largest particles (which may not be represented by a statistically accurate count anyway). High particle counts are still indicated by the data tables, but overall levels appear to be somewhat less than those of the previous Upwelling Period

Observed C and K Values for Cruise 15 to 18 April 1974

Station Number	Depth (meters)	Slope (C) (count/micron)	K Value ($\times 10^3$) (particles/ml)
B*1	0	2.04	64
B*2	0	1.94	73
	45	2.20	30
B*5	0	1.72	70
	70	3.00	34
B*7	0	1.58	64
	20	2.56	53
B*25	0	1.88	20
	100	3.04	16
E-1	0	1.80	67
E-5	0	1.90	24
	200	2.64	18
E-10	0	2.54	32
E-15	0	2.10	42
	200	3.80	41
E-20	0	2.40	53
	300	3.06	23
E-25	0	2.76	124
E-30	0	2.50	137
G-10	0	1.74	25
	100	2.16	25
G-15	0	2.14	44
	400	2.78	21
G-20	0	2.16	42
	400	2.82	14
G-25	20	2.86	19
G-30	0	2.28	38
	400	3.00	10

Figure 41

cruise. At several stations anomalously high particle counts were observed at relatively great depths (A-5 at 300 m, A-7 at 100 and 300 m, A-20 at 1000 m, A-30 at 300 m, C-10 at 200 and 400 m, C-15 at 200 and 400 m, C-20 at 200 m and E-2 at 100 m), but close observation of the vertical profiles of dissolved oxygen, salinity, density, temperature, phosphate and silicate as well as water depth failed to reveal any plausible explanation for these occurrences.

Graphs for particle distribution with depth (Type 3) were plotted for stations A-10, A-15, A-20, A-30, C-10, C-15, C-20, C-25, C-30, E-10, E-15, E-20, E-25, and E-30. Five of these graphs illustrate the large count anomaly already discussed (Figures 42 and 43). The remaining graphs show characteristics very similar to those for the 14 to 17 January 1975 cruise. One significant difference was noted in the STD records; all deep water stations (bottom depth exceeding 100 m) for this southern cruise displayed a salinity minimum at the surface which remained constant and extended to a depth of 50 m. As noted for the 14 to 17 January northern cruise this condition sets up a density trap where large numbers of various sized particles may collect. All the Type 3 graphs for the 17 to 21 January cruise illustrate this phenomenon. Most of the stations (excluding those with anomalous spikes) continue to indicate a fall-off in the count for larger particle sizes (channels 0 and 1) at depths below the mixed layer.

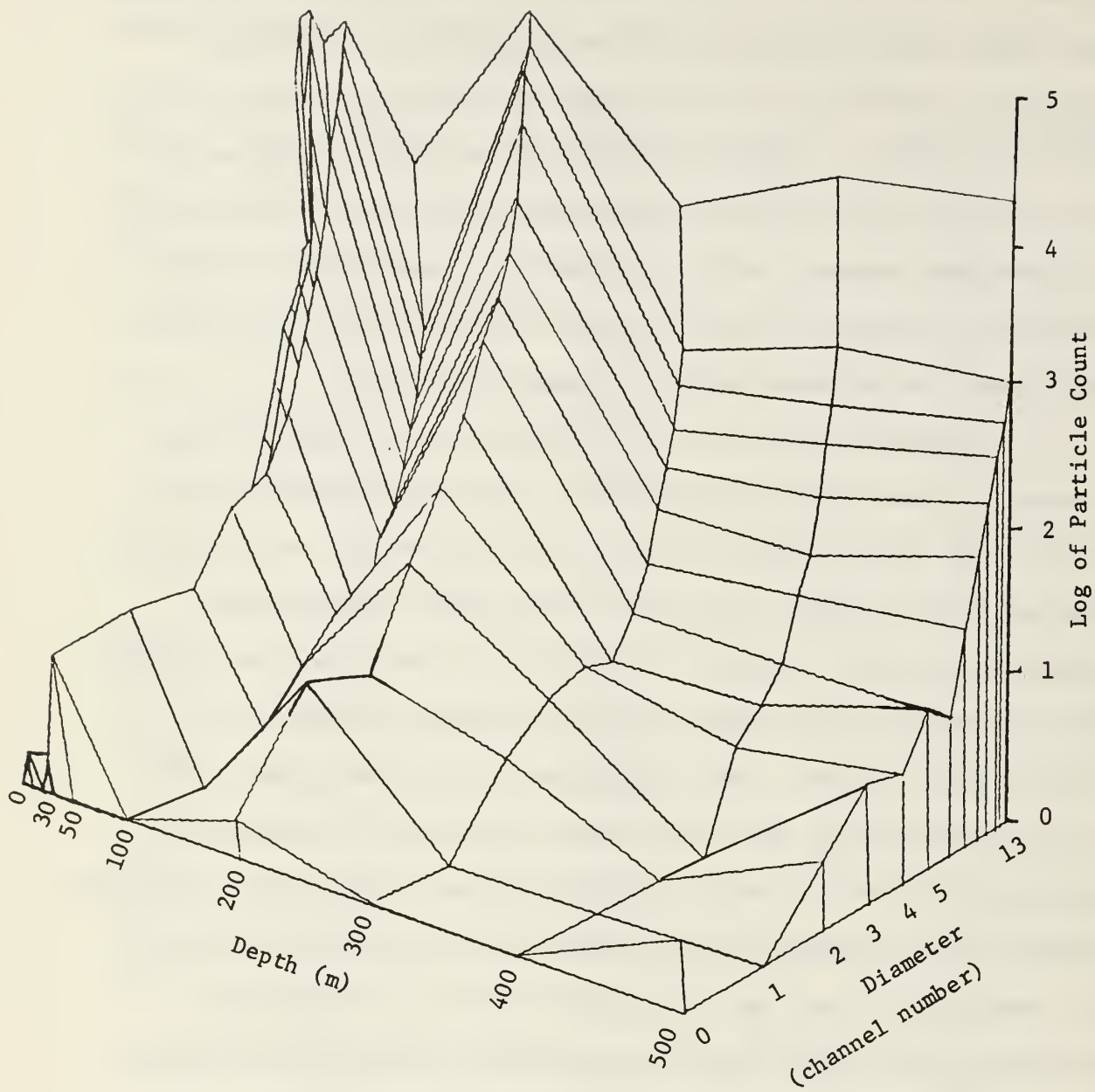


Figure 42. Type 3, Station C-20, Cruise 17 to 21 January 1975

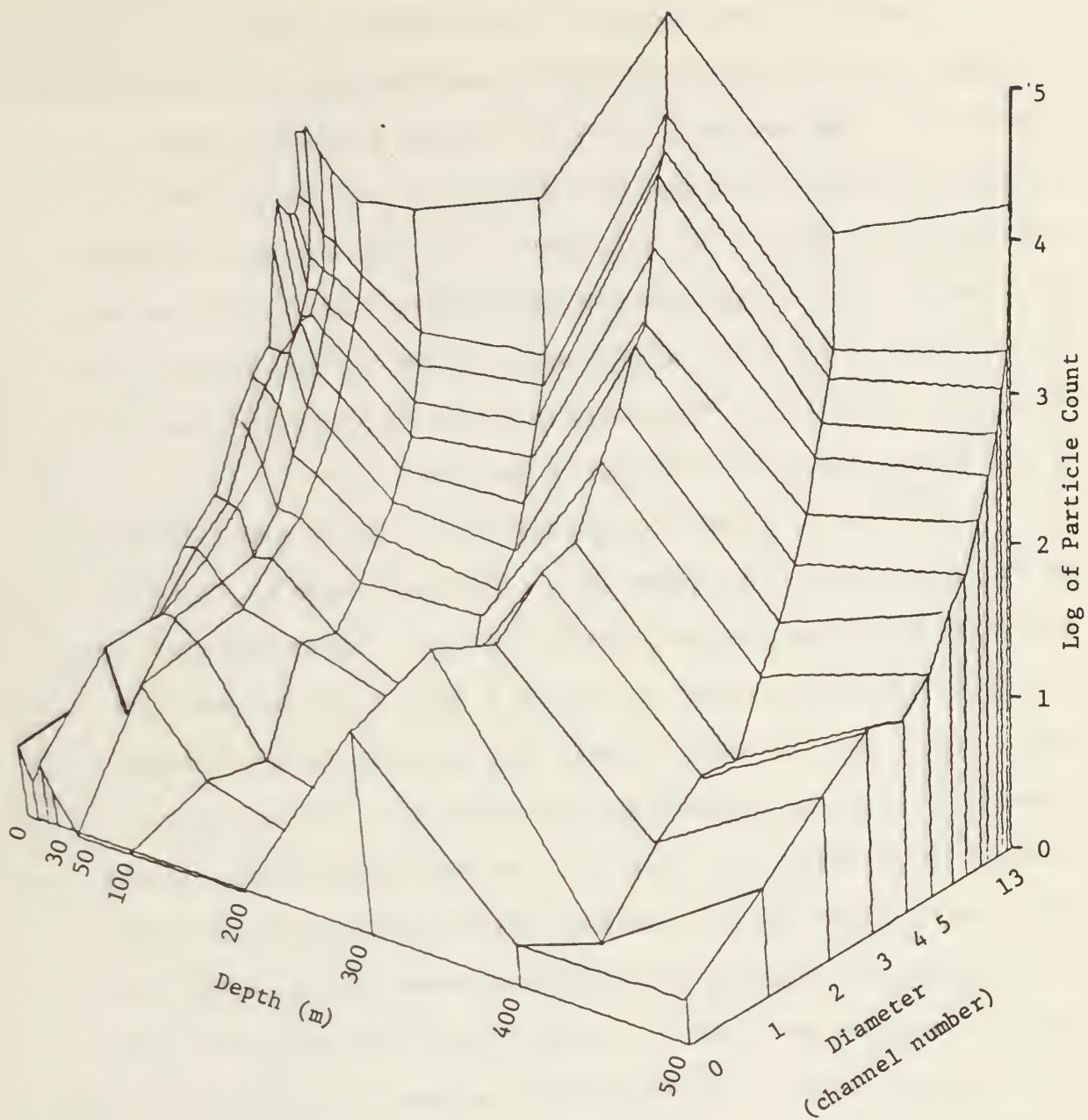


Figure 43. Type 3, Station A-30, Cruise 17 to 21 January 1975

Section plots (Type 4) for station lines A, C, and E appear to show fairly uniform distributions at all stations along the lines except at C-15. Unlike possible phytoplankton blooms indicated for channel 0 at the surface for stations C-1, C-2, C-7, E-5, and E-15, the elevated counts at station C-15 extend across the entire size spectrum and do not appear to be a result of a change in any physical or chemical property of the water. Surface plots for sections C and E are shown in Figures 44 and 45.

Tables of observed values for C and K are included as Figure 46 and are comparable to those computed for the previous Davidson Current Period cruise. Approximately 60% of the C values occurred in the 2.4 to 3.1 range, and the majority of the varient values were only slightly outside these limits. As was previously observed, values for C seemed to increase with depth. Two extremely large values for C were observed for the surface for stations C-15 and E-5. These correspond to localized areas having very large particle counts and led to values for K in excess of 1800×10^3 particles/ml. Shallow water values for K normally fell in the 39 to 276×10^3 particles/ml range, while values for depths exceeding 100 m ranged from 8 to 28×10^3 particles/ml for all stations except A-20 (at 400 m). Very low values for K in the 8 to 11×10^3 particles/ml range which occurred at great depth may be indicative of the background value that can be expected for the area.

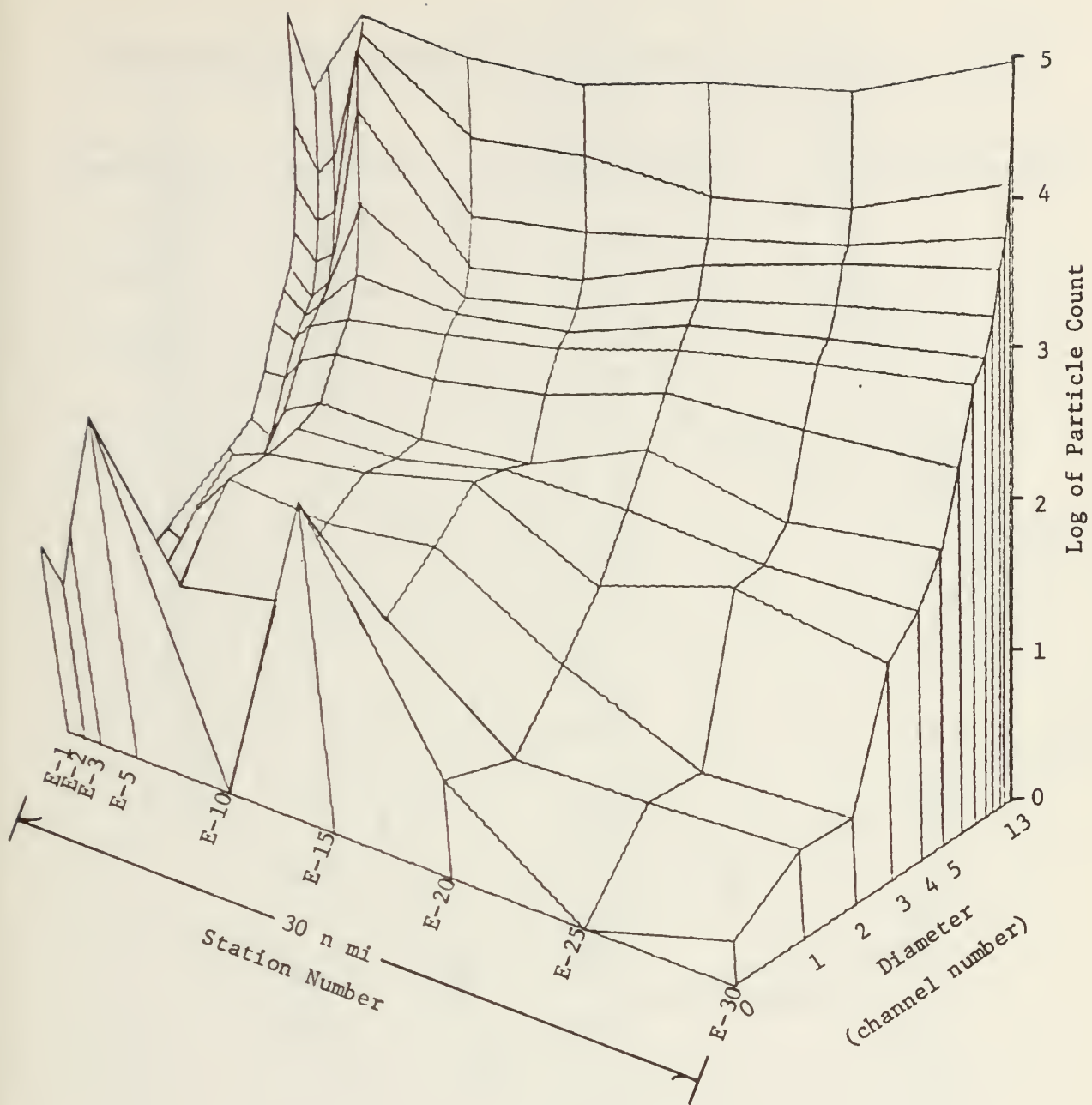


Figure 44. Type 4, Line E, 0 m, Cruise 17 to 21 January 1975

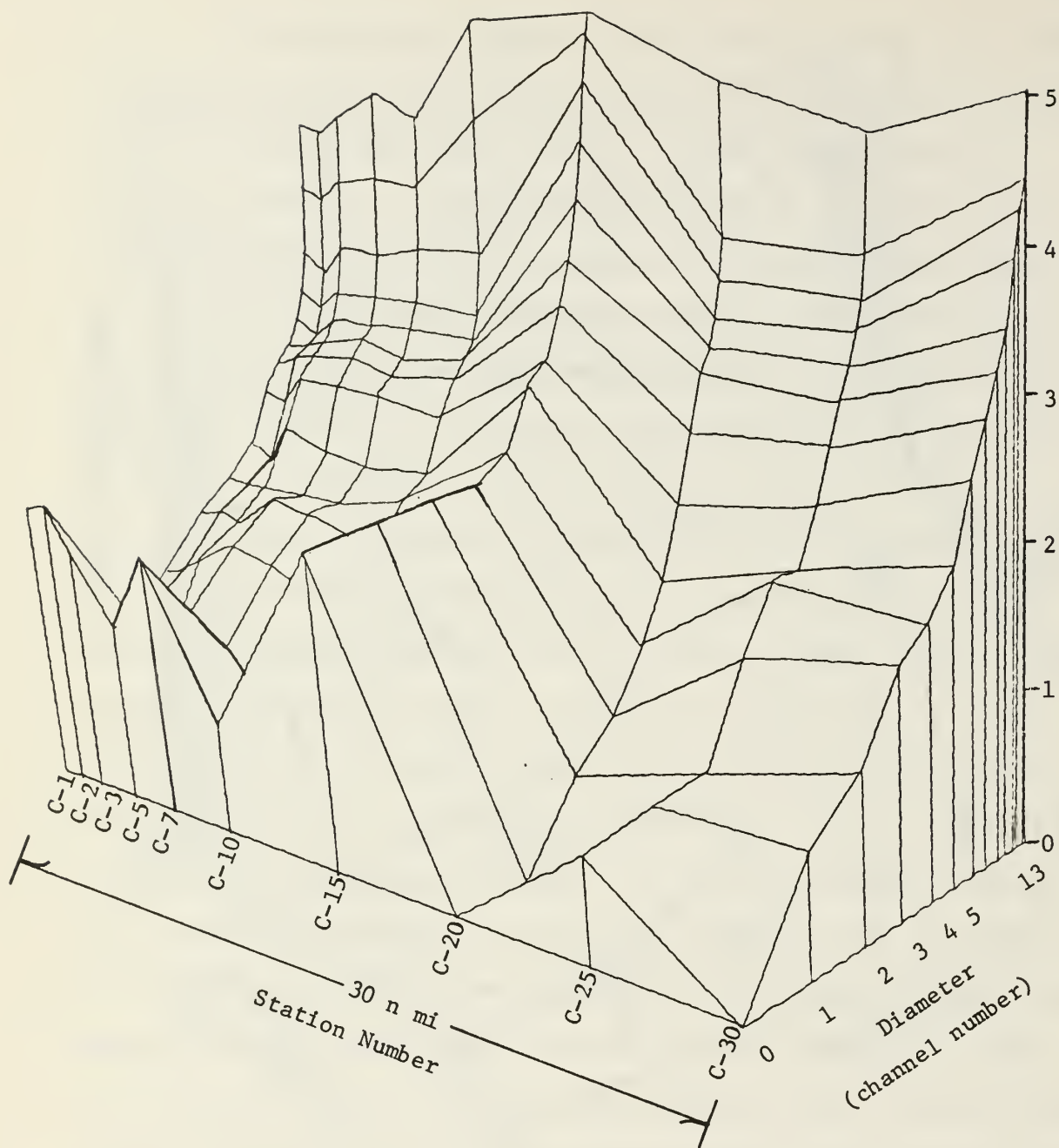


Figure 45. Type 4, Line C, 0 m, Cruise 17 to 21 January 1975

Observed C and K Values for Cruise 17 to 21 January 1975

Station Number	Depth (meters)	Slope (C) (count/micron)	K Values ($\times 10^3$) (particles/ml)
A-30	30	2.74	57
A-25	0	2.76	123
	400	3.28	18
A-20	0	2.48	67
	400	3.86	85
A-15	100	3.00	26
A-10	0	2.00	74
	300	3.16	26
A-7	0	2.44	76
A-5	0	2.66	101
A-1	0	2.84	200
B-1	10	2.76	164
C-1	0	2.24	72
C-5	20	3.00	64
C-7	0	2.36	39
	200	2.74	11
C-10	0	2.34	43
	300	3.16	15
C-15	0	3.80	1836
C-20	0	3.20	79
	400	3.20	8
C-25	0	2.96	86
C-30	0	3.32	276
D-30	0	2.28	56
E-25	50	2.96	32
E-20	0	2.20	49
	200	2.80	10
E-15	100	2.80	9

Figure 46

Station Number	Depth (meters)	Slope (C) (count/micron)	K Values ($\times 10^3$) (particles/ml)
E-10	0	2.72	74
	50	2.72	30
E-5	0	4.80	1933
	30	3.00	51
E-1	20	3.34	442
F-2	0	2.70	50
G-1	0	2.70	65

Figure 46 (Cont'd)

V. CONCLUSIONS

This study has provided detailed information on the occurrence and distribution of suspended particulate matter along the California coast. The identification of small-scale temporal and spacial variations of particle distributions was made possible through the use of a relatively fine-spaced station grid and by collection of data during several oceanic seasons.

Pycnoclines occurring during oceanic periods provided "traps" where particles of all sizes collected. When a deep mixed layer was present particle concentrations were randomly distributed in the layer.

It was also noted that concentrations and counts for larger size particles exhibit a definite fall-off with depth, but both appear to be constant throughout the water column for small size particles. At almost all stations particle counts appeared to approach stable "background" levels at depths in excess of 200 m.

Because of the fertile waters along the central coast it is not surprising particle counts were generally higher than previously reported by Gordon for the Sargasso Sea [7].

Particle sizes and distributions also reflected bottom topography and water depth. Shallow water stations were found to have higher particle concentrations, especially noticeable for larger diameter particles, than deep water

stations. Smaller particle counts along the entire range of particle sizes were observed at stations over the Monterey Submarine Canyon during the 27 to 31 October 1973 cruise. During the 14 to 17 January 1975 cruise this condition was not observed and may have been altered by river discharges.

Observations during the Upwelling Period indicated that increased particle concentrations occurred around the periphery of the upwelled area rather than in the center.

Localized areas of extremely high particle counts were believed to be the result of phytoplankton "blooms", but a species identification was not conducted.

Three-dimensional isometric graphs of the logarithm of the number of particles counted as a function of the particle diameter and depth (Type 3) provide a method to depict the distribution of particulate matter vertically in the water column. A further refinement of the computer program which plots these graphs [13] to permit the particle counts (the vertical axis) for all stations to be plotted on the same scale would provide an excellent tool which would allow a quick visual comparison of particle distributions. The comparison of distributions for adjacent stations, or for the same station at different times, for various oceanic periods will clearly show patterns of spacial and temporal variation.

In a second three-dimensional type of graph the logarithms of the number of particles counted are plotted as functions

of the particle diameter and the station locations. This Type 4 graph provides a visual display of the horizontal distribution of particulate matter for lines of stations or sections at any given depth. This is valuable for studies of the variations of horizontal particle distributions, but more sectors from the same areas and different time periods must be completed before patterns can be clearly established.

Data were assumed to follow a Junge type distribution of the form $M_i = K'D_i^{-C}$, where M_i = count and D_i is the mean diameter in Coulter counter channel i and $K' = K(1-2^{-C/3})$. Values for C were similar to those found by Gordon, but K values were considerably higher with much higher but localized values noted during the Davidson Current period for some stations. The lowest average values for both C and K were noted during the Upwelling Period. The values for K show a definite decrease with depth, often tending to background values for depths in excess of 200 m.

APPENDIX

Sample Computer Programs

```
//DIDDS28 JOB (2219,0648,0542),'DIDDLEMEYER',TIME=2
//EXEC FORTCLGP,REGION.GO=100K
//FORT COMMON VOLCH(13,14)
//      INTEGER BOTNO,DEPTH,PART,TIME,SUM,VOLC1,STAT,LATDEG,LATMIN,
1  LONDEG,LONMIN,DATE1,DATE2,DATE3,CTIME,SHIP1,SHIP2,SHIP3,SHIP4,
2  SHIP5,SHIP6,SHIP7
3  DIMENSION BOTNO(13),DEPTH(13),CTIME(13),PART(13,14),SUM(13)
4  INTEGER BSUM,UNCERT
5  DIMENSION BSUM(13),UNCERT(14)
6  DIMENSION TVOLCH(14),TVCLOG(14)
7  DIMENSION SSUM(13)
8  REAL*8 DASH(13)/13* '-----'
9  CONTINUE
10 VOL=11424.8
11 DIA=2.0*((3.0*VOL)/(4.0*3.14159))**.33333
12 READ(5,5,END=915) NUMPTS
13 FORMAT(12)
14 READ(5,6)SHIP1,SHIP2,SHIP3,SHIP4,SHIP5,SHIP6,SHIP7
15 FORMAT(7A4)
16 DO 30 I=1,NUMPTS
17   READ(5,10) BOTNO(I),DEPTH(I),CTIME(I),(PART(I,J),J=1,8)
18   FORMAT(12,1X,10(16,1X))
19   READ(5,20) (PART(I,J),J=9,14)
20   FORMAT(118,6(16,1X))
21   CONTINUE
22   WRITE(6,111)
23   FORMAT(1,1X,'COULTER COUNTER DATA',6X,'SHIP')
24   WRITE(6,113)SHIP1,SHIP2,SHIP3,SHIP4,SHIP5,SHIP6,SHIP7
25   FORMAT(1,1X,32X,7A4)
26   WRITE(6,112)
27   FORMAT(1,1X,5X,'STATION',7X,',',6X,'HRS PST',4X'DEG',6X,'MIN N',5X
28   'DEG',6X,'MIN W',)
29   READ(5,27)STAT,LATDEG,LATMIN,LONDEG,LONMIN,TIME,DATE1,DATE2,DATE3
30   FORMAT(1A4,2X,1A2,1X,1A4,3X,1A3,1X,1A4,2X,1A4,5X,1A2,1A3,1X,1A2)
31   WRITE(6,29)STAT,TIME,LATDEG,LATMIN,LONDEG,LONMIN,DATE1,DATE2,DATE3
32   FORMAT(1,1X,13X,1A4,3X,1A4,10X,1A2,5X,1A4,8X,1A3,5X,1A4,10X,1A2,1X,
33   1A3,1X,1A2)
34   WRITE(6,333)
35   FORMAT(1,1X,5X,'PARTICLE DIAMETERS IN MICRONS, VOLUMES IN CUBIC MICRO
36   INS PER 2ML SEAWATER SAMPLE')
37   WRITE(6,999)
38   FORMAT(1,1X,26X,'P A R T I C L E C O U N T')
39   WRITE(6,1000)
40   FORMAT(1,1X,23X,'-----')
41   WRITE(6,1001)
42   FORMAT(1,1X,25X,'V O L U M E P E R C O U N T')
43   WRITE(6,777)
44   FORMAT(1,1X,25X,'V O L U M E P E R C O U N T')
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Program producing Data Table printout (CONTINUED)


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777 FORMAT(/,5X,'SAMPLE DEPTH')
778 WRITE(6,888)
888 FORMAT(5X,'IN METERS')
555 WRITE(6,444) (DEPTH(I),I=1,NUMPTS)
444 FORMAT(+,14X,13(14,5X))
222 WRITE(6,222)
222 FORMAT(/,2X,'DIA',2X,'CH#')
916 CALL VOLCAL(PART,SUM,NUMPTS,BSUM)
INT=0
J=14
901 CONTINUE
900 WRITE(6,900) DIA,INT
900 FORMAT(+,F5.2,I3)
911 WRITE(6,911) (PART(I,J),I=1,NUMPTS)
911 FORMAT(+,13X,13(16,3X))
913 CONTINUE
1002 WRITE(6,1002) (DASH(I),I=1,NUMPTS)
1002 FORMAT(+,13X,13(1A8,1X))
910 WRITE(6,910) (VOLCH(I,J),I=1,NUMPTS)
910 FORMAT(12X,13(18,1X))
912 WRITE(6,912)
912 FORMAT(+,1X)
905 CONTINUE
INT=INT+1
J=J-1
VOL=VOL/2.0
DIA=2.0*((3.0*VOL)/(4.0*3.14159)**.33333
IF(J.GT.0) GO TO 901
WRITE(6,922)
922 FORMAT(/,1X,'TOTAL VOL')
923 WRITE(6,923)
923 FORMAT(1X,'(CH 0-13)')
924 WRITE(6,924) (SUM(I),I=1,NUMPTS)
924 FORMAT(+,11X,13(18,1X))
925 WRITE(6,925)
925 FORMAT(1X,'IN 2ML SW')
926 WRITE(6,926)
926 FORMAT(/,1X,'UNCERT(+)'')
931 WRITE(6,931)
931 FORMAT(+,7X,'')
930 WRITE(6,930) (BSUM(I),I=1,NUMPTS)
930 FORMAT(+,13X,13(16,3X))
CALL PLOTIT(DEPTH,NUMPTS,STAT)
CALL PLOTWO(DEPTH,PART,NUMPTS,STAT)
GO TO 15
915 STOP
END

```

Program producing Data Table printout.

```

SUBROUTINE VOLCAL(PART,SUM,NUMPTS,BSUM)
COMMON VOLCH(13,14)
INTEGER PART,SUM,VOLCH
INTEGER BSUM,UNCERT
DIMENSION BSUM(13),UNCERT(13,14)
DIMENSION PART(13,14),SUM(13)
DO 778 I=1,NUMPTS
VOL=1.39463
SSUM=0
USUM=0
DO 777 J=1,14
UNCERT(I,J)=PART(I,J)**.5*VOL
VOLCH(I,J)=PART(I,J)*VOL
VOL=VOL*2.0
USUM=USUM+UNCERT(I,J)
SSUM=SSUM+VOLCH(I,J)
777 SUM(I)=SSUM
BSUM(I)=USUM
778 CONTINUE
RETURN
END

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Subroutine for calculating UNCERTAINTY factor.

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SUBROUTINE PLOTWO(DEPTH,PART,NUMPTS,STAT)
DIMENSION DEPTH(13),DDIA(14),ZTEMP(14),PART(13,14),
1PARTLG(13,14)
INTEGER DEPTH,PART,STAT
DIMENSION XTITLE(4),YTITLE(9)
DATA DDIA/1.37,1.73,2.18,2.74,3.46,4.36,5.49,6.92,8.71,10.98,
113.83,17.43,21.96,27.66/
DATA XTITLE/LOG,,OF D,,IAME,,TER,/
DATA YTITLE/LOG,,OF P,,ARTI,,CLE,,COUN,,T/CH,,ANNE,,
1L/DE,,PTH,/
DO 254 I=1,NUMPTS
DO 251 J=1,14
DDIAL(J)=ALOG10(DDIA(J))*4.
IF(PART(I,J).NE.0)GO TO 275
PARTLG(I,J)=0.0
GO TO 254
275 PARTLG(I,J)=ALOG10(FLOAT(PART(I,J)))
251 CONTINUE
254 CONTINUE
CALL PLOTS
CALL AXIS (0.5,0.0,XTITLE,-15,5.5,0.0,.125,0.25)
CALL AXIS (0.5,0.0,YTITLE,28,7.0,90.0,0.0,1.0)
DO 252 I=1,NUMPTS
DO 253 J=1,14
ZTEMP(J)=(PARTLG(I,J))
253 CONTINUE
NSYM=MOD(I,7)+1
CALL LINE (DDIAL,ZTEMP,14,1,NSYM)
252 CONTINUE
CALL SYMBOL(0.0,8.00,0.14,L.DIDDLEMEYER',0.0,13)
CALL SYMBOL(0.0,7.5,0.14,STATION NO.',0.0,11)
CALL SYMBOL(1.5,7.5,0.14,STAT,0.0,4)
CALL PLOT(0.0,11.0,-3)
CALL PLOT
RETURN
END

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Subroutine for plotting Type 1, Type 2, and Type 5 graphs

```

DIMENSION RDEPTH(9)
DIMENSION DDIA(14), LABEL(20), COUNTL(14,9)
DIMENSION WK(14,9,3), KX(500), KY(500)
INTEGER#4 COUNT(14,9), DEPTH(9)
REAL#8 TTL(12), PARTICLE, COUNT V, S PARTIC, LE DIAME, TER VS
*, LINE I 1, 0 METERS, /
LOGICAL #1 IDN(14,9)
REAL#4 F(2)/0.0,0.0/
REAL#4 SIZE(2)/2#6/
DATA DDIA/13.7,17.3,21.8,27.4,34.6,43.6,54.9,69.2,87.1,109.8,
*138.3,174.3,219.6,276.6/
DATA LINES/0/
DATA ALPHA,BETA/15.0,45.0/
DATA NROW,NCOL/14,9/
DATA NKXY/500/
READ(5,100) NDEPTH
FORMAT(12)
100 DO 500 J=1,NDEPTH
READ(5,200) DEPTH(J), (COUNT(I,J), I=1,8)
200 FORMAT(5X,14,8X,8(16,1X))
300 READ(5,300) (COUNT(I,J), I=9,14)
500 FORMAT(17X,6(16,1X))
CONTINUE
READ(5,600) (LABEL(I), I=1,20)
600 FORMAT(20A4)
DO 800 J=1,NDEPTH
DO 700 I=1,14
IF (COUNT(I,J).NE.0) GO TO 400
COUNTL(I,J)=0.0
GO TO 700
400 COUNTL(I,J)=ALOG10(FLOAT(COUNT(I,J)))*100.
700 CONTINUE
800 RDEPTH(J)=FLOAT(DEPTH(J))*20.
CONTINUE
CALL PLT3D1(DDIA,NROW,RDEPTH,NCOL,COUNTL,ALPHA,BETA,F,TTL,SIZE,
*WK,IDN,KX,KY,NKXY,LINES)
STOP
END

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Program for plotting Type 3 and Type 4 graphs

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